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DEPARTMENT,

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OF 19

39

SUBJECT.

Communist Publications

NOTES AND ORDERS.

62 D.O. - Pl-246/1937 dated 10/5/39 from U.P.S.B.

Ac.I

Perusal with reference to our letter at p. 61 and orders at p. 60. The book was produced by an agent it may be returned to him now.

C.L-63 D/23-1/39

DC^{II} may see.

He
15/5

DC^{II}

Perusal.

manifestation of our Govt
disorder. prior crime this if any action
in Bangalore is considered necessary we may
consider it.

18/5

Ja
18/5-

Inf see

Pl consult PP

Long 12

No: 236 dated 25/5/39 from P.P. Alipur-76.

De II

Perusal with reference to
notis prepage. The book has not
been proscribed by the U.P. Govt.

he
26/5

Imp sec

Spekpl

In
27/5

1. Sec

27/5

De

This is an objectionable book of action can
be taken up 19 of 2 PEP Act. P.P. opinion
at p 76. U.P. Govt- did not take any action
vide p 62. We may recommend prohibition
of publication of this publication.

Shobal

27/5

CP.

As proposed?

88
27/5

Ym
24/5/39

De 2

Disposal

88
30/5

I. sec

In
30/5

Shia
P.C. put out
doubt

1. Sec In
30/5

Imp AS GBR

Please report early if there is any
appreciable circulation of this book "Jiban Saughosa"
produced by agent Ch 63, in Calcutta.

Shobal
19/6

Draft Submitted
he
30/5

79. Report of L. B. Roy dated 12/6/39

Previous papers early.

Sgt. S. Saker

12/6

Dec 2

Perusal with reference to notes at the bottom of prepage.

12/6

de

Perusal of the notes prepage

When we recommended to CP for the forwarding of this publication, we happened to have overlooked the point that it has scarcely any circulation in Calcutta vide p. 79. Shd the draft issue in view of this?

12/6

Sometimes proscription of a little

Kuron publication, brings it into prominence for

12/6

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CP

In this case I suggest no action until we notice an

8/6

12/6

increase in circulation

13/6/39

13/6

Ac 3

Perusal of notes prepage. The Hindi
book "Tibani Sangharsha" may now be
returned to the agent. vide his
report C.L. 63 dated 23/1/39 flagged
below. For orders.

He
1/16.

DCE

For orders

1000 1/6

Return the book

In
16/6

R.S. & B.R.

16/6 book
Recd from 23/6

Letter No: 1505 dated 25/5/39 from the Collector
of Customs.

Ac. 2

Perusal.

(1). we ^{do} not seem to have any references on
the book. ^(write reference note on the margin of the letter) This may be reviewed by
an officer, before we can ^{send a} report to
the Customs.

(2). The reference quoted in the second para
of the letter is not traceable we may
ask for a copy.

16/11/6

(1) Inam Bahu to review.

ask also Dr. B. if the book
was written before

16/11/6

Ac. 2

Re. Submitted in your orders at No: 1
above. The book is written by one Alec
Brown, who is a member of International
Union of revolutionary writers, his activities
are prohibited under I.C. notification. It
is left to be verified now whether this
Alec Brown is identical with the

Alec Braun mentioned in the Second para of the letter.

① We may first get the copy of the letter from the Customs as suggested ordered at prepage then write to Dr. S.B. re: the identity of Brown and Braun, whether they are one and the same man.

②. The book may not be reviewed for the present.

a draft to the Collector Submitted for approval.

He
2/6

no.
2/6

no. 85 (Con) dated 13/6/39 from Collector of Customs.

Ac. II

(1.) Perusal with reference to the second para of the Customs letter at page flagged B.

(2.) A draft to Dr. S.B. for approval with reference to notes above.

He
16/6

no. 3/24/39-II dated 2/6/39 from Secy. in (R). - P.V.D.

Ac. II

Perusal with reference to our letter just below and notes above.

For orders.

He
23/6

Reply the book is harmless and there is no need to show that Brown & Braun are identical

Thurs 23.6.

Ac II

a draft for approval with reference to orders at the bottom of page.

1/10
24/6. W

1/10
24/6

134. No: 7985/65-39 Int. dated 3/7/39 from I.B.

Ac II

Perusal. I.B. wants the particulars of the addressee. D.O. may perhaps find out. For orders.

"A"

S.I. P.C.M.

1/10
4/7.

WW
50

745 4/7

workman
57

5/7.
6/7

137/6 - No. 404/6-39 dated 4.7.39 from Librarian, Bengal Library.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to our letter at page 107

Review see. Also may see a copy of 'Communism' at the Museum. Publishing House. It is written by an author the name of the printer is the Press

50
6/7.

82
7/7

1st. Round -

1.25x

no report received yet. please expedite.

1/10
19/7.

1/10
18/7

138. No. 8200/243-28(1) Int. dated 7/7/39 from I.B.

Ac II

Perusal. a review of the book is at p. 97-92.

we may send a copy. a draft for approval.

1/10
17/7.

245 10/7

Report of S. PCM dated 11.7.39.

No. 8407/65-39 Int. dated 12.7.39.

147/146 - B. 139

148 - P. U. D. 2

Ac II

- ①. Perusal with reference to the S.B. letter at p. 134 and notes at page position marked 'A'.
- ②. Perusal. SOS may report.

For orders.

147.

(1) Infr. S.B. so

(2) Do. to report

X. X. - p. 148.

1. Ans.

15/7. 13/7

memo no. 20322/S.M. 514/39 dated 16.7.39 to S.S. III S.B. - 147.

DO. no. 442/6-39 dated 17.7.39 from Bengal Librarian. 149.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to p. 141 and p. 140 and 139.

The B.L. wants to have the name of the printer and the address of the press where the book "Village" was printed, to enable him, to state, whether the book came to notice.

147.

Not known. Probably

it was not published for Bengal Infr. so

11/6 13/7

Ac II

a draft submitted.

147.

147

159 - 1. sex - 20.7.39

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Perusal of p. 156 (P.O.D.) with reference to the I.B. letter at p. 148. Swarna Prasad could not be traced but Banwari Lal was found at 148 Cross Street. We may send a copy of the officer's report in reply. An endorsement put up for signature.

Perusal of p.159 with reference to Bengal Librarian's letter at p.137. We may reply in terms of the officer's report. A draft submitted.

ke
22/7

174 - no. 9186/243-28(1) (Int) dated 26.7.39 from SS III LB.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to pages 138 and 98. The review of the booklet is at pages 97-92. No copy was sent to Bombay SB. or Dis. B. For orders.

1. 7. 76.

Re: p. 172 - Remains not
received yet.

kg noted for 3/8. 4/8

2nd Round

2nd Read
1st. M. - your review pl.

9/8. 9/8

$$\frac{h_2}{1/8}$$

Dr. H. B. ~~was~~ informed. Sent a copy of the
review to Bombay SB as desired by Dr. B. as also
info Dr. 113.

$$Ac \bar{I}$$

Re orders above, a draft submitted, also an endorsement at p 98 to Dr. I.B. please.

$$\frac{10}{4/8}$$

Review of the book "Profit + Politics" by I. N. M.

ps. 205-195.

Ac. 2

P.P. 205-195. 11/8

Submitted. The previous papers are at
pages 172, 171, and 169.

For orders re. disposal of the
book, which is placed below.

he
11/8.

Sc. 2

A Farmers Publication
to be delivered. Inf. D. 13

js
11/8

Ther 11/8

delivered d.
11/8

Ac. 2

a draft submitted with reference to
orders above.

11/8

he
11/8.

Sc. 2

a draft submitted for approval
with reference to orders on agents' report
C.L. 63 dated 17.8.39.

he
19/8.

11/8

210. Report of I.B.N.S. dated 16.8.39.
218. No. 11/Bul./38 D. 19.8.39 from Asst. Dir. (R.)
219. Report I.S.C.K. dated 22.8.39
236. No. 10583/misc. k D. 23.8.39 from S.S. III IB
Ac II

✓
Refce
1/9.

P.O. D. O. Pervsal with reference to ~~an~~ IB letter
at p. 207. paragraph 3. we may reference
the name here.

--- ②. Pervsal with reference to our ^{endorsements} ~~letter~~ at p. 207.

--- ③. Pervsal with reference to IB letter at
p. 207 paragraph 2. The D.O. may make
the enquiry at the P.O. as suggested
by the officer.

--- ④. Pervsal with reference to p. 218 and ^{endorsement at p. 98} ~~170~~
we may send a copy of the review to IB.

S.I. B.K. R.C. - 2219.
1/9. ~~Am~~
1/9

1/9
2/8.

as prepared No 2078.
(1) R.N. 1257

Am
1/9

Ac II

with reference to notes ^{at} Ser. No. (4) above a
draft submitted for approval.

1/9
4/9. Report of S.I. B.K. R.C. dated 5.9.39.

Ac II Pervsal with reference to p. 219
and 207. For orders.

1/9
7/9.

Inf IB to No 218

Ac II

① With reference to orders at P.U. DI (page), R.N. 1251 on Baij Nath Singh submitted below.

② We may find copies of reports at ps. 210, 219, and 270 in reply to B. letter at p. 207.

he
7/9.

① Send a short note re him

W.W.
M. propens
3/9

② Yes 3/9

No. 3/Int/39-II dated 6.9.39 from B. letter (R) 275.

Ac II

Periodical with reference to pages 274, 273, and p. 80. For orders.

he
9/9.

is good to review the periodical

Early

W.W.
14/9

Ac 2

Re: your order at P.U. D (1) above.

Office has sent a reply to

B. in the light of the report submitted

by me at page 276

Concl
13/9

* as proposed 26/9

* Done - vide p. 286.

W.W.
15/9.

"A"

J. D.D.
13/9

Report placed
2/10
14/9.

- ① 277- DO. no. 615/6-39 dated 9.9.39 from Bengal Librarian.
- ① 278- " " 616/6-39 " " " "
- ⑤ 281-279- Report of S.I. IOD dated 12.9.39.

Ac II

Perusal of pages 278 and 277 with reference to our letters at p. 258 and 257 respectively. The books referred to have not come to the notice of the Bengal Librarian, who wants the names of the printers and the names and addresses of the presses where the books have been printed.

Perusal of pages 281-279 with reference to notes on p. XII portion underlined "A". The book is reported to be objectionable.

he
18/9.

①

① DO. to get the particulars for the Arman Pradip (Harc. 22) Hammind.

② Put off. The spat-deck How to supply.

③ Unthd & Two 1378
with 21.1.15

1. Sck. - 14/9.
S.I. Ask 14/9.
14/9.

p278 283/282- DO. no. 11608/65-39 (Int.) dated 13.9.39 from I.B.

Ac II

① Perusal of pages 283/282. I.B. wants

XIV.

a report on the addressee P.K. Das of 80, Park Street, Cal.

(2). a draft submitted with reference to orders on the top of N.S. p. XII.

(3). a draft to Dr. I. B. with reference to orders at the bottom of page (No. 3).

15/9.

(1) W.W. / 100.

(2) & (3) D.S.M. No. 157

W.W. / 100.

15/9

Spoken to Ac². Proceed till the receipt of the

report of the D.O.

Ce. 15/9

15/9.

W.W.

15/9.

Ref. to

Mr. K. Das a reference was made by a

P.K. Das a letter page 293.

Ce. 25/9

R.N. 1393 is attached below.

15/9.

Ac².

A short note on P.K. Das at page 298 may kindly be seen. Office may refer to D.B. accordingly.

Basel

25.9.39

15/9

291. Report of Insp. S.C.K. dated 16.9.39.
 292. " " S.I. A.S.K. " 22.9.39.

Ac II

(i). Perusal of p. 291 with reference to
 pages ²⁷⁷ 257 and 256.

(ii). Perusal of p. 292 with reference to
 pages 278 and 258.

For orders.

(iii). a draft Submitted for approval
 with reference to orders at the bottom
 of page.

1/5-
 24/9

(1) Infr M.S.

(2) Reply so

(3) Issue to 24/9

325. No. 2453/65-39 (Int) dated 28/9/39 from I.B.

324A. No. 8296 C/S. dated 28.9.39 - " "

Ac II

1. Perusal of page 324A with reference to one on
 para at p. 290. - For orders.

2. Perusal of page 324 with reference to I.B.
 letter at p. 282. We have already replied
 I.B. - vide our letter at p. 299.

3. a draft Submitted for approval with
 reference to orders at Nos. (1) + (2) above.

In Grant

Where is the
 index to this
 file?

3/10
 It is with Mr. Viana.

1/5-
 24/9

(1) 18 copies on demand

(2) 2 p 216

(3) 1 Issue for 21/10

315. Memo no. 10695 (2) dated 25.8.39 from I.B.

I.B. has already asked for particulars of the addressee. Put up pp. with his particulars.

Intercept here?

Sgt. K. H. R.
28/8.

DC2

Ac2

Previous papers submitted below.

*p.318

Dr. Anil Chandra Ray is ^{also} reported to be living at 56 1/2 Upper Circular. The DO concerned may verify this before we reply I.B.

he
8/9

DC2

DO may get his particulars.

In the meantime we may intercept both at 3 Wellesly St and 56 1/2 Upper Circular Road. Ask I.B. if they have got any objection?

Still I.B.

Is there any objection? In

8/9

Tu 8/9

*1. S.C.R.

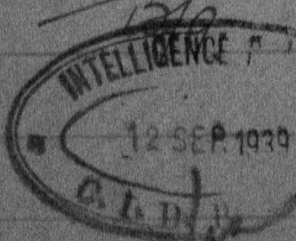
9/9

Ind

65/34

I.B.

24



A. C. S. B.

No objection.

Ac2

orange
intercept
15/9
16/9

Miss
15/9
16/9

15/9/39

XVII.
Reports of I. Sec dated 20.9.39.

-3/8.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to notes
prepage and page flagged "C". (p. 317.)

Re: the two remaining ~~names~~ ^{names} (Bustoff and Mathur, Hing.)
referred to by I.B. at page flagged A. (p. 314).
Please see reports of officers at page "B": (p. 316).
and "D" respectively. We may reply (*p. 100-7/3964)
I.B. in terms of the officers' reports.
a draft submitted for approval. x/2 323.

22/9.

23/9

DO No. 694/6-39 dated 7.10.39 from Librarian, B.L. 336-332.

1. Sec. Sec.

This seems objectionable.

Sec. P.E.S.F.
9/10/39.

1. Sec
19/10.

It is true; but I am doubtful if the book
can be said to have clearly contravened
cls (b) and (f) of the I.P. (C.P.) Act. May
we not ask the Librarian, Bengal
Library, to send us a copy of the book
for closer examination and P.P. opinion
if necessary?

as proposed

in
16/10

14/10

XII
345-70.34/Bal./38 dated 29.9.39 from Asst. Dir. (R.)
Leary on the interception.

sof. P.E.S. F.
2/10.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to S.B. memo below.

sof. kg
7/10.

We are intercepting Shome Nath
Lahiri's correspondence. Is it not.

sof. K. H. R.
5/10.

Ac I

We have no direct orders for Shome Nath
Lahiri but we are intercepting at 17, Sagar
Butt Lane and 95A, Chittaranjan Avenue, the
two addresses to which Shome Nath belongs. vide
suspects list below.

kg
6/10.

W.L.

The Present address of Shome Nath
Lahiri M No 6/10

His present address is 17 Sagar Butt Lane.

Ce. A
6/10.

Warn the D.O. to be very careful

No 6/10

I. P. S.
6/10

Noted
May
11/10

B 7/10

Ac (2)

The G.O. no. 187 (Flagged A') expires on 1.11.39

This interception has been carried on from 22.12.38 and we have had some results. vide Tempus folder placed below.

Urgent
Noted in I.R.
Removes T.F.
To's

For orders

Removes

16.10

16/10/39

16/10/39

- Done - vide letter at p. 347 -

- 346 - DO No. 722/6-39 dated 14.10.39 from Bengal Librarian.
- 348 - No. 13637/65-39 (Int) dated 21.10.39 from SB.

Ac II

Perusal of pages 346 and 348.

16/11

(1) Peer

(2) M. wanted

16/11

- 359-357 - Review of SB officer D. - 6.11.39.
- 356-354 - " " S.I. I.O.D. D. - 5.11.39.
- 353-352 - " " S.I. S.S.H. D. - 5.11.39.

Ac II

Perusal of pages 359-352. with reference to orders at p. 351. The books have been delivered.

16/11

16.11

XX.
Ac II

A draft submitted for approval
with reference to orders at the bottom
of p. XVII (N.S.).

1/5
16/11

no 16/11

16/11.

No. 14629/65-39 (Int.) dated 17.11.39 from L.B.

385.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to p. 348.

24/11.

no 24/11

D.O. No. 775/6-39 dated 27.11.39 from Bengal Librarian. 396.

Ac II

Perusal with reference to ~~an~~ letter at
336-332, 297,
ps 368 and notes at the bottom of p. XVII.

Hope P.C.C. may examine it and consult
P.P. if necessary.

yes

no 26/11

1. Sec.

28/11.

28/11.

P.P. consulted; his note may be seen.

La
5/12

- XXI
397. No. 9831 CS/Folder 6906 D-4. 12.39 from SSM IB.
398. No. 14902/250B. 39 (K) D. 25.11.39 - " SSM "
399. No. 543 dated 5.12.39 from Public Prosecutor, Calcutta.

AC

- (1). Perusal of page 397 with reference to our Dn. para at p. 349.
- (2). Perusal of page 398 with reference to p. 368, 336-332 and 297. The IB wants particulars of the author.
- (3). Perusal of page 399 with reference to notes at the bottom of prepage. We may return the book now to the B. L. with reference to his letter at p. 396. and ^{inform} IB re. the opinion of the P.P.

1. Sec
9/12

10/12

(1) Show DC (2) with reference to p 349

(2) D.O. to him to get particulars.

(3) Show DC before returning the book with reference to his remarks on note sheet p XVII

(1) See

10/12

(3) Show DC p 395 in connection with

his remarks at p XVII. (Note struck)

10/12

10/12

XXII

Ac(2)

The two G.O's at pages 321 & 322. (flagged A & B) expire on 26.12.39. Both these instructions have been in force for one period and none of them has yielded any results so far. The orders to intercept are at p. XVI of Note Sheet.

For orders. 12/12/39

Noted in IR
TS 8/8/39

12/12

DO No. 782/6.39 dated 6.12.39 from Bengal Librarian 415-414.

Ac II

(1) Perusal of pages 415/414 with reference to pages 164, 137, 107 and 106.

(2) a draft for approval with reference to orders at A at the bottom of pre-page.

(3) Two drafts submitted for approval with reference to orders above.

He
13/12.

(1) Seen

(2) Issue

(3) Issue

Mo 13/12

Report of P. S. K. dated 16.12.39.

427.

Ac II

Perusal of p. 427 with reference to p. 398 and orders at No. (2) pre-page. For orders.

He
19/12.

Order 20/12/39

20/12/39

Ac II

A draft submitted for approval with reference to orders at the bottom of page.

7/10/39

he
20/12/39

Ac (1)

The Go at page 360 (flagged) expires on 1.2.40. The interception has been carried on from 22.12.38. Since 21.9.39 we have had no further results v. ac. Temporary folder placed below. Renew?

Noted in IR.

For orders.

T.F. removed
To 8/5 S
29/1/40
30/1/40

7/10/39

Ac II

* Draft filed in S.M. 514/40.
he
31/1

Draft Submitted below.

7/10/39

Ac (II)

The two Go's at pages 439 & 440 (flagged A & B) will expire on 26.3.40. Both these interceptions have been in force for two periods & still no results. The orders to intercept are at page XVI of Note Sheet.

Noted in IR.
To 8/5 S
12/3/40

For orders.

Draft 11/3

I.P.N.S.
12/3

JS 12/3

A.

a-p.
22/11/39

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✓ Abul Mansur Habibulla -

27B. Gangadhar Babu Lane, Cal.

0117.118.119

✓ Alec Brown - author of the book entitled
"The Fate of the Middle Classes"

114.117.118.119

✓ Alec Braun -

216

✓ Abul Kalam Azad -

227

✓ Agnew. National Book _____

227

✓ Agnew. Euro. American Book _____

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✓ Acharji. Gopal _____ (C.P.I., E. O.)

414

✓ Adhikari. Anulya Chandra _____
author of the book entitled "Communism"

B.

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2, 3.

✓ Book entitled "Karl Marx" by Franz Mehring.
may be passed for delivery.

5.

✓ Book entitled "youth in Soviet Russia" by Klaus
Mehner, translated from the
German by Michael Davidson, &
Published by George Allen & Unwin Ltd.
A harmless publication, may be
passed for delivery.

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✓ Book entitled "Lenin" by James Maxton.
Published by Thomas Nelson & Sons Ltd.
A harmless publication, may be passed

SA. 446

✓ Burman - Rebati — (E.O.)

SA. 446

✓ Bagchi - Benoy — (E.O. C.P.S.)

64.

✓ Book - entitled "Scientific and Utopian"
by Engels.

64.

✓ Book - entitled "Zotkyism or Leninism"
by Lenin.

64.

✓ Book - entitled "Teachings of Karl Marx"
by Lenin.

68.

✓ Book - entitled "Towards the understand-
ing of Karl Marx" - by Sidney
Hook, published by Mrs Victor Gollancz
Ltd, London.

8.56.

✓ Banwari Lal - 48, Cross Street, Calcutta.

✓ Burman - Brojo Behari — (E.O.)

Bradley. Ben _____
of the Communist Party, Great Britain.

✓ 227

Berkoff. R. _____
32, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, -
a Solicitor of the Signam & Co.,

✓ 314, 316, 323

Bose - Subhas Ch. _____
C/o B.P.C.C.

✓ 350

Book-Shops. ~~Euro-~~ American _____
situated in front of the Grand Hotel.

✓ 369, 370, 371

Banerji - Sudhangshu _____
(03) 102, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.
B.R. No. 7661,

✓ 388

Bagchi

Mahi (Ed) of Rungpa
47 8/2 Bhowani Dutt Lane

✓ 447

6.

✓ Company - Burman Publishing
Booksellers.

91A.

✓ Clark - John
12, Ludgate Square, London E.C.,

227.

✓ Club - Euro. American Book

349.397

✓ Safe - College

Bankipur
a haunt of local Socialists and Communists.

364.

✓ Chakrabarty - H.

Secretary, Luanjuni Tea Estate
P.O. P.S.O. Kajaldhara (Sylhet).

398.424.428

✓ Chandhury - Labanya Kumar

author of the Bengali book entitled
"Bagishda Chet"

434.436

✓ Chatterji - Ramananda

Editor, Modern Review.
120/2, Upper Circular Road, Cal.

441.

✓ Club,

Radical Book

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✓ Chanda

Ganganaran ED. author
of Russian Revolution

D.

5.

✓ Davidson, Michael —

65, 290, 349.

✓ Datta - Surendra — (C.P.I.)
28/A, Mirzapur Street, Cal.

179, 180, 181, 184, 185, 186, 229,
234.

✓ Desai - Akshaya Kumar ^{Ramantak}
Tanna House, 14, L. Road, Khar, Bombay.
a note is at p. 185 of the S.M. 5/14/39.

229.

✓ Dubey - Biswanath —
Labour Party Office, 701, Kunderline Lane,
Calcutta.

283, 290, 298, 299.

✓ Das - ^{Prabodh Kumar} — Advocate, Calcutta High Court.
80 Park Street, Calcutta. ^{Sp. L. Raj Sarat Ch. Das Bahadur C.I.E.,}
Hampden, Patna, Chittagong.

290.

✓ Das. Gupta - Ramadhin — (C.P.I.)

349.

✓ Das. Deb Kumar — (E.C.I.)

263.

✓ Devi - Chapala
Lalajuni College, Laitumukhm (?)
P.O. Shillong, Assam.

383.

✓ Sheka - Haridas —
C/o Habiram Sheka B.L.
Pantagon, Bankati.

G.

✓ Ghosh - Bimal

Formerly of the Indian Students' Communist Group, London - published an English quarterly journal entitled "Current Thoughts"

✓ Ghosh - Parimal

Lecturer, Victoria Girls' College.
He is editor of the English quarterly journal entitled "Current Thoughts"

207.
161/219, 270, 286.

✓ Ghosh - Revd. Nripen

Baptist Mission, College Square, Calcutta.

397.

✓ Gupta - Anilendu

S/o late Anilendu Gupta of Swarnasari, Patna.
an ex-student of the B. N. College, Patna - was sentenced on 12.2.32 to 2 months R.I. for distributing revolutionary leaflets. - Suspected of being in possession of firearms.

H.

173.330.

✓ House

Burman Publishing

72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

207.

-(See under publication).

✓ Haihai Kshtriya Yubak.

22, Ramtani Bose Lane, Cal.
a Hindi monthly Journal.

I.

3/5.

Importation -

of Foreign Communist literature
by way of Ceylon.

K.

134.
147.

✓ Kuka -

P.S. _____ B.Sc.,
Electrical Engineer, P.O., Raja Basanta Roy Road
Extension, Kallcutta, - shifted to P319/3 Southern Avenue
(2nd Floor).

350, 353, 356, 359

✓ Kansika - Narayan
Nerghana (?) Cochin S. India.

L.

9.

✓
Lohia -

R. _____

15, College Sq., 2nd floor, Calcutta.

345.
~~911~~

✓
Literature -

Importation of foreign Communist
_____ by way of Ceylon.

M.

(not carded - see under Publication)
2.3.

✓ Pechring, Franz —, author of "Karl Marx".

(not carded - see under Publication)
5.

✓ Mehnert, Klaus —, author of "Youth in Soviet Russia".

(not carded - see under Publication)
7.

✓ Maxdon, James —, author of "Lenin".

77.84.

✓ Mukherjee - Prof. Hiren — (C.S.P.)
of the editorial board of the English quarterly journal entitled "Current Thought".

77.

✓ Moulik - Dr. Moni —
Publicity Officer, Bata Shoe Co.,
a member of the editorial board of the English quarterly journal entitled "Current Thought".

173.

✓ Mandal. Kishori Mohan —

180.

✓ Muzaffar Ahmed. 77, Chittaranjan Avenue
Room No. 89, Calcutta.

234.

✓ Mukherjee. Biswanath —
ex-secy. P.S.F. - 8/2, Bhawanee Sutta Ln, Cal.

314.323.

✓ Mahbubul Haq, M.A., - 17/1A, Gopal Nagar Road, Cal.

380.

✓ Moitra - Swijendra Mohan —
C/o Surendra Mohan Moitra M.L.A.,
P.O. Ghoramara, Rajshahi.

367.368

✓ Mukherjee - Rajani —
Asst. Librarian, Vidyasagar College Cal.

441.443.

✓ Mukherji - Amulya Ranjan —
of Alured Printers & Publishers

P.

11.

✓ Publication - Colonial Information
Bulletin Vol. II No. 24.
dated 15/4/39.

11.

✓ Publication - "Sathee"
77, Chittaranjan Avenue.

60, 61, 62, 76, 78, 79

✓ Publication - "Jivan Sangharsha".
review at pt. 60-13. - not
prescribed by the U.P. Board.

8A.

✓ Publication - a Bengali book entitled
"Hegel and Marx".

8A.

✓ Publication - a Bengali book entitled
"Samrajyabader - Sankat"
(The Crisis of Imperialism).
by Rehati Bhattacharya.

69, 73, 74, 75, 80.

✓ Publication - entitled "The Left Forum".
Printed at the National Labour Press Ltd.,
and published by the Criticismary Pub. Co.,
35 St. Bride St. London E.C. 4.
(review at pages 73-74)

77.

✓ Publication - entitled "Current Thoughts".
an English quarterly journal - published
by Bhupal Ghosh (formerly of the Indian
Students' Communist Group London).

82, 84, 85

✓ Publication - entitled "18th Congress of the
Communist Party of Soviet Union"
review at pages 84/83.

84.

✓ Popular Printing Works.
at 47, Madhur Roy Lane, Cal.

87.

✓ Publication - Bulletin No. 20 dated 24/5/39 of
the International Federation of Trade
Unions, Paris.

90, 97, 98, 138, 174, 175, 218,
236, 269.

✓ Publication - a booklet entitled "Bolshevik
Leninist Trotskyist Programme"
[a review at pages 97-92. - objectionable
withheld].

Publication - a book entitled "Capital" by ✓
Karl Marx. - [Delivered. - 7/24/20] 99.

Publication - a book entitled "Fifty years of ✓
International Socialism" by Mr. Bar.
(review at pages 103-100 - a pro-British
publication - Delivered.) 99.103

Publication - a book entitled "Karl Marx" ✓
by Harold J. Laski.
(review in File 11327 - Delivered.) 99.

Publication - a book entitled "Communism" ✓
by Anandya Chandra Adhikari
presented by Rajendra Lal Sarker at the
Kalyanani Press 39/1, Sita Nagar, Dacca.
(review is at p. 136, File 574/39) 137. 414.
107/159. 164/415.

Publication - a book entitled "Sharati-Trade
Union Andolan" by Sharani
Bhawanis. - a review at p. 136. ✓
136
107/137.

Publication - a book entitled "Communism in 108.109.
Great Britain" by John Strachey.

Publication - a book entitled "The fate of the ✓
middle classes" by Alec Brown.
(Concluded remarks by Dr. I.B.) - 110.118.119.165.

Publication - a book entitled "The Coming ✓
Struggle for Power" by John Stiefel. 115.

Publication - a book in Hindi entitled "New World" 120.
edited by K. N. R. Shastri and published
by the Socialist Literature Publishing
Company, Agra.

Publication - a book entitled "The Totalitarian ✓
State against Man" by Count R. N.
Condeshore Kalugi.
(review at pages 128-121 of File 574/39)
a harmful book - Delivered. 91A.91C.109A.128.

Publication - a book entitled "Democracy and ✓
Socialism" by Arthur Rosenberg
(review at pages 133-129 of File 574/39)
a harmful book - Delivered. 91A.91C.109A.133.

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139, 141, 149, 157

Publication - a book entitled "Marek Rod-Lenin" (Marek Rod-Lenin) - by Ryszard Rostkowski - Published by Bannan Publishing House, 72 Harrison Road, Calcutta. The book was examined by the B.L. but nothing objectionable was noticed.

140, 141, 149, 158

Publication - a book entitled "The Village" - by Dr. Mulk Raj Anand.

143

Publication - a book entitled "The New Propaganda" by Arthur Blanche White published by Messrs. Victor Gollancz Ltd., London (also as Left Book Club edition). The book is considered harmless and copies can in the port may be passed for delivery.

145

Publication - a book entitled "Co-operation in the U.S.S.R. A study of the Consumers Movement" - by Leslie A. Paul - published by M/S Victor Gollancz Ltd., London. The book is considered harmless and copies can in the port may be passed for delivery.

148

Publication - a newspaper entitled "World News and Views" Vol 19, Nos. 28 to 31 dated 20 & 27.5.39 and 3 and 10.6.39 - detained up 19 Sea Customs Act by S.B.

148

Publication - entitled "Labour Monthly" Vol. 21 No 6 dated June 1939 - detained up 19 Sea Customs Act by S.B.

156

Perhad - Dwaraka C. Bisswar Lal Banwari, 4 Tag Mohan Mallik Lane

157

Publication - a book entitled "What is Marxism" by Emile Burns, published by Victor Gollancz Ltd., London (1939). - Censored by the General Communist Notification and is objectionable. Copies can in the port to be withheld.

152

Publication - a book entitled "The Position of Women in the U.S.S.R." by G. N. Sukhrentikov.

152

Publication - a book entitled "Soviet Democracy" by Pat Sloan.

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Publication - a book entitled "Forward from Liberalism" by Stephen Spender.

157

Publication - a book entitled "Soviet Policy and its Critics" by T. R. Campbell.

Publication - a book entitled "Why we are losing the Peace" by K. Lilliacus. ✓ 152, 157.

Publication - a book entitled "The military strength of the Powers" by Max Werner. ✓ 152, 157.

Publication - a newspaper entitled "World News & Views". 161, 207.
Vol. 19, No 35 dated 8.7.39.

Publication - a book entitled "Marxism is Dead" ✓ 163.
by Brij Narain Professor of Economics,
Sanskrit Sharma College, Lahore. Published
by Rama Krishna & Sons, Lahore.

Publication - a book entitled "Comrades and Citizens" by Sema Rynin Allan. ✓ 165.

Publication - a book entitled "Czechoslovakia" ✓ 165, 171.
by Edgar P. Young. - considered
harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39.

Publication - a book entitled "Linovier Trial" ✓ 167, 171.
by D. N. Pitt K.C.M.S. - considered
harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39.

Publication - a book entitled "Socialised Medicine in the Soviet Union". by Henry C. Egeristi M.D. - considered harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39. ✓ 167, 171.

Publication - a book entitled "N & R B Congress Rule in India" by Homer G. Alexander. ✓ 167, 171.
considered harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39.

Publication - a book entitled "From Hegel to Marx" by Sidney Hook. - considered harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39. ✓ 167, 171.

Publication - a book entitled "Man's worldly goods" by Leo Huberman. - considered harmless by Sir I.B. - File S.M. 514/39. ✓ 167, 171.

Publication - a book entitled "Can Capitalism Last?" by Frederick Allen. ✓ 169.

Publication - entitled "Lenin Selected Works" ✓ 206.

(Volumes 1-12) - Confiscated as it falls within the scope of G.C.N. No 61 dated 10/9/32.

Publication - entitled "Labour Monthly" - ✓ 207.
Vol. 21, No. 7 dated July 1939.

Publication - entitled "Hainan Kshtriya Tulak" ✓ 207, 210, 276, 286.
a Hindi monthly edited by Baijnath Singh S/o Ganga Prasad Gupta of Pindulhayan, Phillaur, Punjab.

Publication - a book entitled "Tony M. P." ✓ 213.
by Simon Hasey. published by Victor Gollancz Ltd, London. Considered harmless - may be passed on for delivery.

Publication - a book entitled "World Affairs and the U.S.S.R." by W. and Zelda Coates - published by Lawrence and Wishart Ltd, London. Considered harmless - may be passed on for delivery. ✓ 213.

Publication - a book entitled "Handbook of Freedom" by Jack Lindsay and Edgell Rickwood - published by Lawrence and Wishart Ltd, London. Considered harmless - may be passed on for delivery. ✓ 213.

Publication - entitled "Praja Mifia" ✓
a new weekly to issue from 6.9.39. 216.
organ of the Labouring Classes and Scheduled Castes.

Publication - a book entitled "Revolution and Counter-Revolution" by Karl Marx. ✓ 220, 226, 255.
Considered harmless. Delivered.

Publication - a book entitled "Towards the Under- ✓ 228, 226, 255.
standing of Karl Marx. Considered harmless.
delivered.

✓ 169. 171. 172. 205. 209. Publication - a book entitled "Profits and Politics" by L. D. Clargues and A. H. Evans. (a review at pages 205-195 of The S.M. 514/39. book delivered.)

✓ 169. Publication - a book entitled "Soviet Justice and the Trial of Rodok and others" - by Dudley Callard.

✓ 173. Publication - a pamphlet entitled "Samajikantabader Tai" (Victory of Socialism) - contains translations by B. P. Ashwin Berman (S.O.) of a letter from Swami to Joseph Stalin and Stalin's reply thereto.

✓ 173. Publication - a pamphlet entitled "Victory of Socialism" (Samajikantabader Tai) - contains translations by B. P. Ashwin Berman (S.O.) of a letter from Swami to Joseph Stalin and Stalin's reply thereto.

✓ 173. Press - Naba - Gouranga - 104, Ambhurst Street, Calcutta.

✓ 179. 180. 181. 184. 243. 248. 250. Publication - a booklet entitled "Gandhi's truth and non-violence re-nayed" - by Akshaya Kumar K. Dey. - a review is at pages 179-176 of The S.M. 514/39. - withheld.

✓ 189. Publication - a book in Gurmukhi entitled "duplication" Published by the Manager Kirti Lahori. (a review is at pages 189/188 of The S.M. 514/39.)

✓ 190. 300. 311. 312. 313. Publication - entitled "Labour the Workers Magazine" an official organ of the British Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party. - does not come within the scope of the General Communist Notification or any other notif. under the Sea Customs Act.

✓ 193. 194. Publication - entitled "Industrial News" No. 568 dated 11.7.39 issued by the Trade Union Congress, Publicity Department, London. - withheld up to 26(1) of the Pat. Office Act. - Review at p. 193-191 of The S.M. 514/39.

222, 224, 255

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Agriculture in Soviet Russia" - by ~~John~~ Joan Beauchamp P.A., - considered harmless - ~~delivered~~.

222, 226, 255

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Russia Reported 1921-1933" by Walter Duranty - considered harmless - ~~delivered~~.

222, 226, 255

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Supply and Trade in the U.S.S.R." by W. Rodal - covered by the General Communist Notification - withheld.

224, 226, 255

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Karl Marx the Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte" - translated by Eden & Cedar Paul - considered harmless - delivered.

227

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Memoirs of Lenin" by Krupskaya - ~~is~~ proscribed - ~~for~~

246, 248, 250

✓
Publication - a pamphlet entitled "Problem of Agrarian Indebtedness in India" - by Akshay Kumar K. Desai - a review is at ps. 246/244 of File No. 574/39.

248, 250

✓
Publication - a booklet entitled "Indian Feudal States and National Liberation Struggle" by Akshay Kumar K. Desai. withheld.

252

✓
Publication - a book entitled "The Land of Socialism today and tomorrow" - covered by the G.C. Notification - objectionable - should be withheld.

254

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Condition of the workers in Great Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union 1932-38" by Turgun Kuezyznitski. considered harmless - may be delivered.

254

✓
Publication - a book entitled "Smaller Democracies Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland" by Dr. E. O. Simon - considered harmless - may be delivered.

Publication - a book entitled "National Capitalism" 252.
by Ernest Davies. Considered harm-
less. may be delivered.

Publication - a book entitled "Capital - Sanskrita 356.
Sara" (List of of Capital - by Karl Marx) - by 257, 277, 291, 324.
Rebati Barmant.

Publication - a book entitled "Full Text Marx and Engels on India" 258, 278, 292, 324.

Publication - a book entitled "What is Philosophy?" 260.
a Marxist Introduction by Howard Seligson.
book covered by, sent, Communist notification
and is objectionable - Copies should be withheld.

Publication - entitled "Socialist Vanguard" 262, 267, 268.
No 8, Vol. V Aug 1939.
issued by International Publishing
Co., London. - review at 267-264 off
File 8m 514/39.

Purdy - M. G. 218.
a Bombay self-styled Trotskyite.

Publication - Colonial Information Bulletin 271.

Publication - entitled "The Left Forum" 273.
No 35, August 1939 274, 275, 281, 287.
review at pages 281-279 of File 8m 514/39.

Publication - entitled "Lenin & Stalin on 283, 324.
Socialist Competition" - published by
the Co-operation Publishing Society of
Moscow seems to be objectionable - withheld
as it falls within the scope of L.S. 7.

Publication - entitled "The Shadow Before" by William 283.
Rollins, Jr. - published by the Co-operation Publish-
ing Society of Moscow - a harmless novel.

Publication - entitled "And quiet flows the Don" by 283.
M. Sholo Khov. - published by the Co-operation
Publishing Society of Moscow - a harmless
novel.

287. ✓ Publication - entitled "The Workers Age".
Vol. 8, No. 33, dated 19.8.39.
a prohibited publication.
289. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "Russia Friend or
Foe" by Pat Sloan - Published by Frederick
Muller, London. Copies seen in the post
should be withheld from delivery. - Censored by
the L.C. Notification - considered objectionable.
- 294, 297, 336, 346, 437. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "Mulya, Oar O Munafa"
(Value price and profit) by Karl Marx - not
objectionable.
- 295, 297, 336, 368, 396.
399, 424, 427, 428. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "Bagichee Coolie"
(The Tea garden labourer) by Labanya Kumar
Choudhury - (a review at p. 335-332 of the
Sun 5/4/39) - opinion of P.P. at p. 399 - not
objectionable.
- 296, 297, 336. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "Jeeban Prabandh".
(Current of Life) by Dr. Surendra Chandra Banerji.
- 300, 311, 312, 313.
(See previous entries). ✓ Publication - entitled "Labour" - The Workers'
Magazine" No. 11 Vol. 1, for July 1939 -
(Schindler - review at p. 313 of the Sun 5/4/39.
not censored by L.C. X. Copies seen in the post are allowed to pass.)
- 302, 310, 311, 312. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "Europe since the war".
by J. Hampden Jackson.
a review at p. 310-304 of the Sun 5/4/39 -
falls within the scope of L.C. Notification may be
withheld.
315. ✓ Publication - a booklet entitled "Back from the Dead"
315. ✓ Publication - a booklet entitled "Will it be war"
315. ✓ Publication - entitled "Labour monthly"
Vol. 21 No. 8 dated August 1939.
- 326, 328. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "China's Red Army
Marches" by Agnes Smedley - withheld under
L.C. Notification.
- 326, 328. ✓ Publication - a book entitled "An introduction to
the theory of Statistics" by G. Udny Yule and
M. A. Kendall.

Publication - entitled "Gandhism" - ✓ 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342.
an Analysis by P. Spratt. 343.

Party - Ceylon Sayana - Samaj - ✓ 344.
(Socialist Party)

Publication - entitled "The New Soviet Constitution" ✓ 348, 385.
by Anna Louise Strong, New York.
Conceded by U.C.N. and its circulation considered
objectionable.

Publication - entitled "Sensometer" or "Scientific" ✓ 350, 359.
Standard for World Reconstruction -
by Narayan Kausika - review at ps 359-357
File Sm-574/39 - Delivered.

Publication - entitled "How to Reconstruct" ✓ 350, 356.
India" by Narayan Kausika - review
at ps. 356-354 of File Sm-574/39 - Delivered.

Publication - entitled "The New Socialism" - ✓ 350, 353.
by Narayan Kausika -
Review at ps. 353-352. Delivered.

Publication - a cyclostyled Bengali leaflet ✓ 362.
entitled "Juddha Samaj-Swadhinata
Tanya Juddha Karo" (during the war
fight for independence - Proclamation of
the Communist Party on November Revolution
Day).

Publication - entitled "Socialist Appeal" ✓ 366, 367, 367A.
noticed in the post and passed on for
delivery.

Publication - entitled "Lenin - O. Bolshevik Party" ✓ 372, 373.
by Rehati Burman published by Brofa
Behari Burman.

Publication - entitled "Karl Liebknecht" ✓ 374, 377.
by Soumencha Nath Tagore.

Publication - entitled "Bhashin Katha" ✓ 374, 377.
by Soumencha Nath Tagore.

Publication - entitled "Juddha Binodhi Karo" ✓ 374, 376.
by Bijon Satta.

374-376.

✓ Publication - entitled "Fascism - O. Bharatbusha"
by Parash Basu

374-376.

✓ Publication - entitled "Amader Duniya"
by Suresh Sen

378, 379, 380.

✓ Publication - entitled "Workers' Age" -
a prohibited publication.

392, 395.

✓ Publication - entitled "Left" for Oct. 1939, an English
edited by C. A. Smith 81, Arcadian Gardens, London
printed by the National Labour Press Ltd, 35 St.
Bride St., London E.C.
(review at p2392-389) - objectionable to be
withheld.

402, 410, 431, 433.

✓ Publication - a booklet entitled "Industrial and
Labour Information", issued from the
International Labour Office, Geneva -
copies received in the past were delivered.

404.

407.

✓ Publication - a book on the "Soviets"
published in the Amara Bazar Patrika
dated 4.12.39.

413.

✓ Publication - entitled "Stalin" -
a critical survey of Bolshevism by Boris
Souvarine - considered harmless and should
be delivered.

418, 429

✓ Publication - entitled "Moscow News"
an objectionable literature.

419, 420.

✓ Publication - entitled "Mexican Labour News."
Vol. 7, No. 8 dated 24.8.39 - a review is at p419
of the Sun - 5/4/39.

421, 423.

✓ Publication - entitled "Socialist Vanguard" -
Fifth Volume No. 10 October 1939.

437.

✓ Publication - entitled "Marx, Capital Sain Kiptoran"
by Rebatu Burman.

Publication "Life and Speeches of Lenin" / 441. 442

Publication "The Theory and Practice of Socialism" / 441.

Publication "Life and works of Lenin" / 443.

Publication "Is mass-revolution possible" by a Comrade / 443.

Publication "England in India" by F. R. Harly. / 443.

Publishers - Allied Printers and - / 443.

Publication "Hegel & Marx" - Bengali book by Rebati Burman (ED) / 446.

Publication "Samrajyabader Sankat" (The crisis in Imperialism) by Rebati Burman. / 446.

Publication "Russian Revolution" by Gungaranan Chandra (ED) / 447.

R.

✓ Roy - Miss Shuni
S/o Nitijagopal Roy of Lushbander,
Kaliyari, Rangpur - a student of Vidyasagar
College, resided at College Hostel in Harticki-
bagpur Lane, Cal.

8A. 446

✓ Roy - Manish — (E.S.).

65.

✓ Roy - Chandrup - L. N. —
Asst. Secy: Madhukhali Congress
Committee, Dist: Mymensingh.

77.

✓ Roy - Dr. Typtish Chandra —
an associate of German Communists
in Berlin 1929-31. ^{residing at} flat No. 3 No 30,
Chowringhee Road, Cal. - of the editorial
board of the English quarterly journal entitled
"Current Thoughts"

86.

✓ ^{Chandrup} Roy - Rabi — (E.S.).

173. 211. 237.

✓ Roy - Atul ^{Krishna} — (C.P.I.).
S/o Kanai Lal Roy, of 12 Paitpara Road, Cal.

290.

✓ Roy - Anir — (E.S.).

314. 315. 317. 318. 323.

✓ Roy - Dr. Anil — M.B. - S/o Dr. Anwar, Shumam
of 3, Wellesley Street, Calcutta ^{off 15/2 Upper Circular Rd.}

421. 423.

✓ Roy - Miss Una —
S/o Grindlay & Co., 6 Church Lane, Calcutta.

87.

✓ Sarker. Pijush Kanti _____ (N.B. Jug.)

87A.

of 57, Keshab Sen Street
 of Tadmuth of Raghunathpur, Nannay, Dacca, -
 & 2nd yr. student of Rajasagar College in 1934 - since
 Street - 57, Keshab Sen Street, Rajshahi College -
 address of Pijush Kanti Sarker. -

86.

✓ Sen-Gupta. Niranjana _____ (E.C.).

135.

✓ Sen. Gour Nitai _____ (E.S.)

- (See also under "Thakur") -

alias Thakur of Barisal Sankar Math Group and
 a member of C.P.I. - Lives with S.N. Gupta at 29, Lans-
 down Terrace.

(210, 286.)

✓ Singh. Baij Nath _____

of Kanga Prasad Gupta
 of Prithvibazar, Phulpur, Benares.
 and of 22, Raju Tann Bore Lane, Cal.

227.

✓ Surhawardy. Prof. Sahid _____

brother of the Honorable Sir Hasan Surhawardy.

325.

✓ Singh. Kartar _____ Layalpur.

325.

✓ Singh. Hazara _____ Akali (Ghadu).

325.

✓ Singh. Biri _____ (Ghadu).

366.

✓ Sarker. S.C. _____
 6, Federation Street, Cal.

46.

✓ Sen. Gupta. Subodh _____ (L.S.P.)

48.

Smith - Messrs. W.H. _____ & Son Ltd.,
 exports of objectionable literature by _____

7.

86.135.

✓

Hakim -

alias Gou Nitai Sen (C.O.) of Barisal Sankar Math
group and a member of the C.P.I. - (Lives at 29 Langdon Avenue)
- younger brother of Mukul Sen (C.C.)
of Barisal.

349.

✓ Dewary - Kamal -

U.

✓
Union -

Book _____
at Russa Road, Calcutta.

✓
Union -

Calcutta Writers' _____
at 7, Monrovia Lane, Calcutta.
a haunt of important C.P.I. members.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

I.B. Home DEPARTMENT.

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25/8/39
29/8/39

FROM

ASST. DIRECTOR (R), INTELLIGENCE BUREAU,
(HOME DEPARTMENT), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH,
CALCUTTA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 3/Int/39-II Simla, Dated 24th August 1939.¹⁹² :
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Reference your Express Letter No. S.M.514/39 dated 22-8-39

2. All the six publications mentioned therein have come to our notice and only the book entitled "SUPPLY AND TRADE IN THE U.S.S.R." is covered by the General Communist Notification. Other publications have been considered harmless.

[Signature]
ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

St. 2
Personal with
reference to our letter
ab/p. 226. For order.

h PIM.
24.8.39.

S. G.
MGIPC-SI-573(CSP)DCF-(G-145)-7-5-29-4,00,000.

St. 2
The pk. al p. 222 may be
withheld - the rest delivered
24/8/39.

Yes I agree
[Signature]
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124. Saraswati Press.

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&
O.R. 124
17. 1. 39.

It is reported that, at the suggestion of Manmohan Chakravarti of the "Kaisarika" Office, 1 Ramanath Mazumdar Lane, Sailen Guha Roy and Arun Guha (E.D.) have directed Mohendra Chandra Roy of D.51/165A Luxmi Kundu, Benares to write a book entitled "Tarun Russia" (probably for publication by the Saraswati Press). It is said that the book is nearing completion and that it deals with revolution in Russia from the point of view of a revolutionary communist. (Note: Manmohan Chakravarti is probably identical with Monu @ Buro s/o late Mohini Mohan of Sherpur town, Mymensingh and of 182 Agasta Kundu, Benares, and also of 14 Chahchawk, Allahabad, a one-time librarian of the Saraswati Library.)

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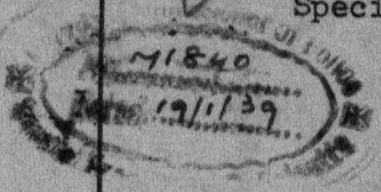
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To

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Dated the 18th January 1939.

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and report whether the publication falls within the scope of
the General Communist Notification, Govt. of India, Finance
Department (Central Revenues) No.61 dated 10.9.32.

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Collector of Customs.

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M. Please see pp 8-7 of file 12420 II.

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I have etc.

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K. M. R.
for D. C. S. B. 18/1

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Assistant Director (R).

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No. 13/Inter/39
Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,
Government of India,
New Delhi 18 JAN 1939

Circular Memorandum

20/1
A book entitled ^{C.I. INDEXED.} "Youth in Soviet Russia"
by ^{C.I.} Klaus Mehnert (translated from the German by
^{INDEXED.} Michael Davidson) and published by ^{C.I.} George Allen
and Unwin Ltd., London has come to notice.

2. The book is harmless and copies seen in
the post are considered fit to be passed for
delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above
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Assistant Director (R).

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Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,

Government of India,

New Delhi, the 17 JAN 1939

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has come to notice.

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215. "Nutun Diner Alo".

b.Rs. 4218,
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11.2.39

A Bengali book entitled "Nutun Diner Alo" by Bimal Prativa Devi(E.D.) printed by Jamini Mohan Ghosh at Popular Printing Works, 47 Madhu Roy Lane, Calcutta, and published by Kalyani Bhattacharjya from 60 Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta, came to our notice at the end of last year and was proscribed by Government u/s 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act 1931 (XXIII of 1931) (vide Government of Bengal Notification No.546P, dated 3.2.1939). Following this 44 copies of the book were seized on 9.2.39 from different addresses* although according to secret information 1100 copies had been printed. Other objectionable publications were also seized

*22, Cornwallis St(Arya Publishing Co.),
8Z, Russa Road(residence of Bimal Prativa Devi,E.D.),
47, Madhu Roy Lane.

including a copy each of "Our Task in India" by M.N.Roy (proscribed) and an album containing photographs of the accused in the Chittagong Armoury Raid Case(proscribed) from 8Z, Russa Road, residence of Bimal Protiva; a copy of "Red Front", Vol I- May 1938, 12 copies of the "Communist" of different dates (all unauthorized publications) and a copy of the book "Colonial Policy of British Imperialism" by Ralph Fox (prohibited) from No.2 Dr.Jagabandhu Lane, the residence of Rebati Barman(E.D.).

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(4) Communist Publications. dated 1/4/39.

It is reported that Pijush Kanti Sarkar of 57, Keshab Sen Street has given copies of Bengali books, "Hegel and Marx" and "Swarajyabodha-Sankat" (The crisis in Imperialism) by Robati Burman (E.D.) to Benoy Bagchi (E.D., C.P.I.). Pijush purchased these books from the Burman Publishing Co.,

Miss Chuni Roy, a College student, is reported to have given Minish Roy (E.D.) Rs.10/- to purchase books on politics for distribution amongst the female members of C.P.I. in Calcutta.

Ref order on C.N.S. of S.B.D. dated 1/4/39

S.B. R/10088
8/4/39.

Please ask S.C. S.B. for names and full particulars of Pijush Kanti and Miss Chuni Roy.

Sof. R.C.M.
3/4/39.

No: 3034 C/S of 6.4.39

To S.C. S.B. for favour of a report
Ac. II (1) Pijush Kanti Sarkar (N.B. Jug) is s/o Tadumnath of Raghunathpur, Nannan, Dacca. was a 2nd yr student of Vidyasagar Coll; Cal. in 1938. Has since joined Raghunathpur Carmichael College.

(2) Miss Chuni Roy is d/o Nityagopal Roy of Tushbandar, Kaliganj, Ranapur - a student of Vidyasagar College; resides at College Hostel in Hartwickbagan Lane, Cal.

Sof. N.M.
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Return to S.B.
Sof. K.H.R.
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To S.B.
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From Inspector _____

D. D.
S. B.

Calcutta, dated _____

29-4-38 at 6 PM

Date and
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

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"Larbone Monthly" of
April 1938 edited by
R. Palmer sent addressed
to Mr. R. ^{Chatterjee} Kohia 15
College St. 2nd floor
Calcutta India as
Bowler's Po on 29/4
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mail.

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Calcutta, the

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 28th of April 1939 at 6 PM

From Labour Monthly April 1939

To Mr. R. K. Saha 15 College Sq. 2nd
Floor Calcutta, India

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English

Post office of interception

Bombay

Date of letter

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Date and
hour.

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and Orders.

Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O.
a packet containing Colonial
Information ^{SECRET} Ch. Bulletin, Vol. II.
no 24. dated 15/4/39.

From: 53, Gray's Inn Rd. O.C. 1.
London.

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77 Chittaranjan Avenue,
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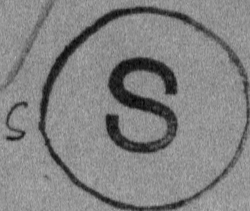
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Page 320

Hour.

A bunch of boys
 sang a song to-
 the following effect-
 " Oh youths awake!
 " Oh peasants and
 workers awake

" Oh beloved
oppressed and
neglected sons
of the world arise!

Submitted and
 27/4/39 H. K. S.

Hour.

(47)14.
 of the country in the
 before and from
 in the battle-field,
 up to the end of the
 fight, till the
 flag of freedom
 will be hoisted
 throughout India.
 This ideal will
 help them in
 advancement and
 in giving them victory.

Page 320

The old weaver
 said "Truth
 cannot be gagged
 by force and
 oppression."

Freedom.

Hour.

319

Page no-319

The old weaver
who was transported
on the charge of
rebellion, gave
his final message
to the following effect:
"In the fight
for freedom of India,
the leadership of
workers will be
the ideal. This ideal
will keep all the
peasants and
workers of the

Hour.

Ganeshumam and
speak ~~sp~~ proudly.

I fired three bullet
shots in his breast.

Probably somebody
might have to
come there hearing
the sound.

page no. 318-

A batch of boys
sang a song to the
following effect:—
~~man~~ His life is
blessed. Is there
any man equal
to him who has
sacrificed his
life in the
battle-field of

(414)/17

Hour.

It was a pleasure to
 look at his face.
 He was a
most poisonous
murderer to the
 country. He was
 a thorn in the
 path of freedom of
 the country. So, it
 was a most important
thing to kill him.

Page 308.

Sarkar said:-
 "I cannot not
 tolerate that he
 should move about
 freely after committing
 such a great
 crime (becoming
a spy of the."

Hour.

of bread of the
 famished public
 who are devoid of
 flesh and blood.
 The strong clutch
 of the government
 is going to be
 proved as in Comptroller
 page no. 303 + 306.

Saidendra said
 "My face was
 branded with
 stain by his actions
 (action of that mafioso
 who had become
 a spy of the
 government). I
 could not show
 my face to others

(42) 19.

H. M. R.

entangled in the
 legal trap of the
government in
 order to help the
government. We
are against
such government.
 We are fighting
 to get rid of the
 monstrous clutches
 of the government
 and to get freedom
 we ~~can~~ will fight
 unto the last.

page no. 288

Mahadeo said
 X X X X X X

"The strong foundation
 of the government
 has become shaken
 by the question of

(41/70)

Hour.

here to do justice,
for doing justice
page no-287

A labourer said

x x x x x

The present system
of government have
made us slaves

physically and
mentally. We will

not be satisfied
so long we will

not be able to
tear this chain of
slavery to pieces.

We are against the
government for

people have made
a farce of the
law-court here

(48) 71

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question put to me
by the law court.

But at the persistence
of my companions
and in order to
remove wrong
impression from
the minds of the
public, I want to
speak a few
words. We do ~~not~~

not consider these
law courts as
law courts. The
public have not
given right to
gentlemen seated

(319)TV

Hour.

creating Hindu
Muslim riot-

Page 278.

The writer writes:
A communal riot
^{took place}
~~was reported~~ in
a town where people
^{even}
had not heard of
Hindu Muslim
quarrel.

Page no. 284

In reply to the
question put by
the Magistrate
Mahadeo ~~Mahadeo~~
said: I am not
bound to give
any reply to any

(38) 272

Hour.

But fortunately
the bomb exploded
before the due time
and the European
gentleman was
not injured. Karim
had to say that the
incident took place
two years ago and
to say that he saw
with his own
eyes that Alinda
had kept the bomb
in the compound of the house.
Page No. 276 & 277

The European
gentleman found
out means to save
the situation by

(317) 74

Special Diary from the Inspector of Section

Case No.

of the

Hour.

gentleman had been made long ago.

Attempts were ~~made~~ even made to murder him on some previous occasions. But the people were not successful in murdering him.

Ahida played an important part in ^{making} the attempts for the murder. One day she even kept a house concealed in the company of the house of the European gentleman.

(38) P

did not commit theft.

Hour.

page 274

The author writes:—
The police taught
everything to Karim
(a hooligan) who
was put up as a
witness in the case
instigated against
Alida. According
to the direction of
the police, Karim
had to prove in his
evidence given
in the Law Court
that the conspiracy
for murdering
the Europeans

(35) 76

Hour.

were being searched
most enthusiastically
Revolutionary
teachers & pupils
under the heading
"our path to
revolution" "fight
for freedom" etc
were frequently
published.
page 269.

The old woman
addressed the
police and stated
"you are thieves.
you commit theft
robbery. My daughter

I H. year.

we shall have
to enter rehabilitation
of this "

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Hour.

Students also began
to cut jokes with the
jailor.

Page 25-9

Prakash said
"Such an inhuman
oppression! Oh.
What am I looking
at with my eyes?
So surely I want
not have believed
it ~~Yesterday~~ had I
heard such barbarous
words from the
mouth of anybody
Yesterday. Such
horrible oppression
cannot be ~~for~~
is not possible

(34) 29

Hour.

from the Karnatak.
 During this all
 political prisoners
 shared with them.
 "Down with
oppressors!"

pages 257 & 258

Another student
 Smith, addressed
 the jailor and said
 "your grins are
 like a ^{monkey} ~~man~~ will
 be of no avail."

- A A A X X

The jailor burst
 into flame by
 the jokes ^{cut by} of the
 student. Other

Hour.

The orderly ran away
~~away~~ took the
possession from the
 hands of the deceased
 European gentleman
 and ran away.
pages 256 & 257

The prisoner
 (Lahawer) expressed
his feeling of hatred
towards the
jailer and replied
 & As a man I do
 not like to speak
 with a mean fellow
 like you.

The jailer ordered
 a sentry to drag
 out the Lahawer

(34) 31

Hour.

of the wheel of
oppression, it
has become a
difficult thing
even for the
most innocent
person to remain
alive.

page no 217

"Apab. x x x x

I wanted to murder
the European
gentlemen but I
could not get the
opportunity.

A man came
dressed in the
costume of orderly
and murdered the
European gentlemen
with a knife.

x x x x x

(28) 37

Hour.

with the offence
of revolution. That
 was sufficient for
 hanging me to death.
 That He is cruelly
 shaped that the
 General was in
 his favour. He
 could have got
 spoken anything
 he liked by Gajewan
 in the name of God.
 He closed all paths
 for my coming out
 alive.

Mati said "I did
 not expect that
 you will come out
 alive". In consideration
 of the working end

(28/33)

Special Diary from the Inspector of Section

Case No.

of the

Hour.

towards the right
 : where there was
 a big garden. I
 had gone far off when
 the cry was raised.
 I was an undertrial
 prisoner and put
 on clothes like
 ordinary people.
 There was no
difficulty in
escaping as I
mixed up with the
crowd.

page 214.

Afak said "Who
 enquired about
 truth or false there
 then I was charged

(28) 304.

Special Entry from the Inspector of Section

Case No.

of the

Hour.

the rope of the gallows
for their execution.

page 214.

Atab describes how
he escaped from jail.
Atab.

X X X X X X

During this time
some prisoners were
being taken out by
their mate for work.
I handed over the
key to one of the
prisoners. and came
out of the gate of the
jail with other prisoners.
When we reached the
corner of four walls,
I eluded the ~~sur~~
surveillance of
others and proceeded

(26) 35

Hour.

of a revolutionary
youth. I am not sure.
He comes forward to-
murder a man for
the good of the country.
But whenever he looks
at, he finds enemies.
Now he becomes
terrified to come
before you even if he
be successful in his
work. He became a
murderer for the good
of the public but he is
afraid of them (Public).
So now Ludman's keep
surveillance over their
brethren, get them
arrested, read out
the order of their
execution and drag

(28-17)

Hour.

"Seeing your firm determination for taking rehabilitation, I am afraid that murder and bloodshed will take place as before when your Government will be established. The only difference will lie in the fact that now a days blood of workers² is being shed but at that time blood of others will be shed. But surely blood will be shed.

Pages 205 & 206.

A student shaped

^ ^ ^ ^ ^

Please take the case

(24) 37

Hour.

page 15-8

galib Mian stated
that the caste ^{sh}
system has badly
spread amongst
Bahawens for want
of education. But
this faith also
can be completely
washed away by
the wave of revolution
page 171

Mizam stated xxx
" We have before
us not the path
of reformation but
the path of revolution
page 191

Mizam stated

x x x x

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of the

Hour.

or a revolutionary party
party instead of conspirators
arrested, the government
give up all other works
and run after the school.
But the people in the
school do not care
for jail, transportation
and enclosure and are
making progress in
their ~~work~~ works.

Page 155-

Nizam stated x x x
"the sacrifice of
lives of one or two
persons cannot be
called revolution."
All people should
be prepared for
revolution!

(212) 39

Page 135-

Hear.

The writer writes:-
 One of the boys in the
 Lahaur procession
 addressed the police-
 man and stated
 & gave responsibility
~~business~~ the of ~~for~~
 warrants you to
 shed as much
~~quantity~~ of the
 blood of Lahauris
 as possible. Is it not?

e 149

Nizam stated. That
no revolutionary
occurrence takes
place in the country
in which the students
have got no hand. Our
School is an eye-sore
to the police. Whenever
a political murder or
disorder takes place
or a bomb burst

(2X) 20.

page 128.

Hour.

People saw that the manager of the mill was crushing fingers of the injured labourer with his leg.

page 131

Jahil Mean Shaked
Brothers! in giving
last farewell to our
young brother & we
shall take a vow
that we shall stamp
funeral procession
of the illegal rule
of the oppressors on
whose oppression
the young man
fell a victim

The name of revolution
is true -

(20) 41

Hour.

and workers will stand up, there will be no power on earth to put obstacles in their way.

page 132 the writer writes:
~~The~~ hand of a young labourer was cut by machine in the weaving department where gahls are used to serve. The labourer felt senseless when the fact came to the notice of the authorities of the mill. They ordered sweepers to throw the labourer in the Ganges alive. Their money would have been ~~spended~~ had they sent him to the hospital.

(18) 42

Hour.

that in this fight
 there will be a
 great massacre of people.
 Hundreds, thousands
 and tens of people
 will be killed. What
 is the value of our
 lives now days?

X X X X X X X

Why shall we die like
 insects. We shall
die by fighting. We
 shall get our rights
 and we, shall take
 religious retaliation
page 118.

Jalib Mean Shukro
 & Ah mother! all
 Lahawens shall take
retaliation of the
 death of your son.
 When peasants are

(18) 43.

Hour.

Sort of government. You are seeing that plundering is going on. You yourself are woked. Still your eyes have not been opened. These oppressors are snatching away the last piece of bread from our mouths. Still you are singing in praise of them.

Page 94.

The writer writes:-
Such a panic was created by violence, oppression and high-handedness that peasants began to run away from the village.

Page 117 + 118

Nagina stated

(17) 44

Hour.

so sorry. I shall get
the tax realized - I 146
of them will become
pacified as soon as
two or four of them will
be killed by bullets.

As page 85-

Mati cast a piercing
glance towards the
Sub-Inspector of Police
and stated: I shall not
tolerate the outraging
of modesty of my mother
and wife in my presence
so long I shall remain
alive.

page 88.

Mati stated: please
keep silence. What sort
of officer? What sort
of Kingdom and what

(18) 45

Page 69

Hour.

The sahib stated
you pig! still you
do not refrain from
spreading rebellion
and in exciting people
This villain is a great
rebel. Constable! give
him two kicks!

Page 74

The youth in giving
reply to the SA Sahib
stated & I do not go to
a house like you.

Page 77

The Superintendent
of police while giving
thumb to his motor car
stated & oh gamindar
Sahib! you need not

(75) 26.

Hour.

fathers of Lab pugnees
(Policemen) came to-
help the land-lord.

page 54

Ahlab stated

"What right the
writers of scriptures
and penal code and
law givers have got
to do justice? Do the
daccas want that their
looty should go to the
hands of others?"

page 67

The Sahib stated

"oh pig! What are
you saying - we are
ruling over this country
with the power of
sword."

(14/47)

Hour.

and the Moghab (Kalmuk)
would give them something
to eat (breads).

Page 20

Ahab gave reply in
a roaring voice "so I
now know that Lab
Pugnees (policemen) will
come to help the land-lord
Lookens help each other.
But we shall not sit
idle at home like
women. We shall
see who come forward
to help us. We shall
not give any rest to
the Lookens. This
time we shall not
give even a broken
cowry in the shape
of tax if even if the

(13) 48

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of the

Hour.

for life. other accused persons were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment from 3 years to 15 years imprisonment.

The following passages in the book appear to be objectionable: -
page 9.

The Lab pugnees (Constables) ~~were~~ also were present there ^(mill) with leatheries to help the Moghals (Kakulis) in realising money from Labawrens. They think that the money taken as loan by Labawrens may be realised immediately by their influence.

(N) 49.

Hour.

Pamphlets were seized.
 The police sent up
 Shiva - a female
 worker on the charge
 of murder of the
 European gentleman
 mentioned above.
 Karim - a local doctor
 was set up as witness
 by the police in
 above case. But
 Karim refused to
 give false evidence
 in the Court. He was
 declared mad and a
 hostile witness. Hab
 - the absconder was
 captured and sentenced
 to death. Mahadeo and
 Prakash were transported

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of the

Hour.

to fight for the cause of the lawless. Some peasants and lawless were arrested and sent to prison. A peasant named Akab fled away from jail. He snatched away a revolver from an European gentleman who was murdered by his order. Akab absconded. He was kept concealed in the Students' hostel. He was subsequently arrested by the police. The Students' hostel was searched and some leaflets and

(10/51)

13.11.19.

Students of the school went to the house of Jalib Meen ~~man~~ - the leader of the labourers of the mill and promised to render assistance in the labour movement.

They assured Jalib.

Meen that students do not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for the cause of the Country. They started an association called "Desachwar Sangha".

The students started a bulletin and distributed copies of the same to the labourers. A labour association was formed and funds were collected.

(X) 52

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of the

Hour.

an ~~other~~ processionist
 one of the processionists
 snatched away a
lathi from a police
man. On this order
 was given to open
 fire and some of
 the processionists
 were injured.

The processionists
 went to the Harish
 Chandra Ghat, held
 a meeting there, ~~and~~
 and took now for
taking reparation
for the death of
the labourer.

There was a school
 near the mlt.

Students of the school

(A) 53

Hour.

held at the Hindu
 Chandra Ghat, Benares.
 When the procession
 reached the Kotowala
 Thana, Benares, the
 processionists were
 obstructed ~~and~~ by
 Pahie-men - At this
 one of the processionists
 uttered shout "soar
with ~~no~~ expression
of expression." The
 processionists were
 ordered to disperse
 but they failed to
~~do so.~~
~~disperse~~ The
 Superintendent of
 Police arrived and
 ordered policemen
 to make lathi-charge

(X) 54.

Hour.

as the authorities
of the mill failed to
take proper precaution.

The labourer died.

All labourers
irrespective of
any caste or creed
started a funeral
procession and
carried the dead-
body of the deceased
labourer. They

uttered shouts

"May revolution
be victorious". The
name of revolution
is true." They

requested people
to attend a meeting

(A) 55

Hour.

party of the land-
-lord and the
peasants. The
house of Mati Lahar
was searched and
all his moveable
properties were
sold for Rs 12/-
Tax was realised
with the help of the
patils. The peasants
left the village and
went to the town
in search of
employment in a
mill. Some of them
managed to secure
jobs in the mill.
One day a labourer
was badly injured

(5) 56

Hour.

lock up. Chandan
 Seigh - the land-lord
 commenced a meeting
 and invited a leader
 named Bopesh
 Chander Chawdhury
 to induce peasants
 to pay taxes. A
 panchayat was
 formed and Chandan
 Seigh was made
 president of the
 panchayat. But
 the peasants refused
 to accept Chandan
 Seigh as the president
 of the panchayat.
 On this after a quarrel
 ensued between the

4/57

Hour.

Mati Lahar was
assaulted by men
of the land-lord.
Chand on Singh
- the land-lord
lodged a complaint
to the police against
the peasants for
non-payment of
tax. The Superin-
-tendent of police
came and ordered
the police-men to
assault the peasants.

Mati Lahar was
tied with a rope
and was taken to
the Thana where
he was assaulted
and kept in the ..

(X) 58

Hour.

to their land-lord.

A peasant named
 Sambar who was
 on the side of the
 land-lord stated
 that the peasants
 will be assaulted
 and tax will be
 realised by the
 land-lord ^{with} the
 help of the police
 if peasants refused
 to pay tax to the
 land-lord. On this

Mati Lohar stated that

the oppression of the
land-lord has become
unbearable and so

they will not tolerate
 the oppression any
 more. Thereafter

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Rebellion and terrorism.

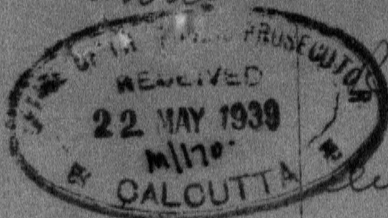
Hour.

It contains several
objectionable passages
~~and~~ which tend to excite
peasants to launch
no-tax campaign
and the labourers
and students to fight
against mill-owners
and capitalists. The
story of the novel in
brief runs as
follows: —

Some peasants
assembled in the
shop of Mati Lohar
and discussed the
oppression of
their land-lord
Chaudan Singh. They
decided that they
will not pay tax.

Page No. 4260.

Special Agent in Charge of Section



AC(1)

I have
agree marked
passages in
the review.
The review
shows clearly
that the book
is an object
one.

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This is a very
objectionable publication
may ask at 80
if they have
taken any action
on it. The book
has been
by an agent.

Perusal with
refce to your orders
on report of Ch 63
of 23/1/39. For
orders.

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Comment P

Inspector G.B.R.

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Review of a Hindi novel
entitled "Jawan Sangharsha"
written by Priya Sarshi
published by the "Bharat
Sapath Karyalaya, Benares
and printed by Ganga
Prasad Shrivastava at
the Hindi Sahitya Press
Allahabad.

The Hindi novel entitled
"Jawan Sangharsha"
is based on the present
day peasant, labour
and students movement.
The book has been
dedicated in the memory
of those who sacrificed
their lives in fighting
for the freedom of
the country. The book
tends to represent

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No. MS-14/38 dated MAY 5-1939

Enclosures.

Dear Sir. —

Will you kindly let me know what action, if any, was taken on the Hindi book "Jivan Sangharsha" by Priya Darshi, printed by Kirja Prasad Shrikashak at the Hindi Sahitya Press, Allahabad & published by the "Bharat Saput Karyalaya" Benares.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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for D.C.S.B.

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Dated May 10, 1939.

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My dear Finney,

Please refer to your Memo No. S.M.514/39, dated
May 5, 1939, regarding the Hindi book "Jivan
Sangharsha".

The book came to notice in October 1937 and
was duly submitted to Government with our recommen-
dation for proscription. Their order was as
follows:-

" Government do not propose to proscribe the book
although there are objectionable phrases in it and
the general tone is not calculated to be helpful
in present conditions. But they consider that the
general thesis of the book and the manner of its
presentation are not very convincing and do not
deserve the ~~and~~ advertisement of proscription".

Yours sincerely,

F. W. L.

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,

Dy. Commissioner of Police, S.B., Calcutta.

S.N.C.10.

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Communist (Pak)

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286. C.P.I.

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16.5.39.

It is reported that Gopal Acharji (C.P.I., E.D.) visited the Ganasakti Office on 13.5.39 with a bundle of Left Book Club publications and discussed with some members * the ways and means to observe political pri-

*Satyabrata Sen (E.D.) of Comilla.
Abdul Rezzak Khan (C.P.I.).
Deb Kumar Das (C.P.I.)
S. Upadhaya (C.P.I.)
and Niranjana Sen Gupta (E.D.)
of Barisal.

soners' day on 21.5.39. It was finally decided to discuss this matter with Mr. Subhas Bose on his return to Calcutta.

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Congress Committee.
Dt. Mymensingh.Superscription:—
Sgt. Swarn Datta—
28/A Mirzapur Street
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Copy of the letter.

11.5.39.

Dear sir,

Learning that you are the
sole agents of all Sociative
books for Bengal, I beg to-
approach you with a list of
books which are given below.
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me them per V. P. Post at
your earliest convenience.

(P.T.O.)

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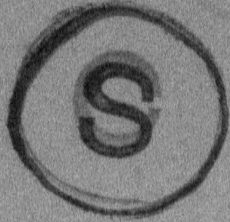
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15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

P. B. Baskley
Assistant Director (R).

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Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,
Government of India.

Simla, dated the 18 MAY 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

The marginally noted book has come to notice.

'TOWARDS THE UNDERSTANDING OF
KARL MARX'

by Sidney Hook, published by
M/s Victor Gollancz Ltd.,
London.

2. The book is considered
harmless and copies seen
in the post may be

passed for delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information
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V. T. Banerjee
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3/ The Govts and the System which they represent in the Capitalist Countries should be co-ordinated and the added ~~the~~ strength given to it which international Solidarity could secure . . . "

Page 60

In the article entitled "The Colonies and Fascism" it has been pointed out that no democratic Country who has faced, not only what British rule is like, but what Nazi rule would be like, can doubt for a second the necessity of preventing a Nazi conquest of the world at all costs.

India is the crux of this matter. The only way that India, in the end, can be defended against Fascist aggression, whether from Japan or from Europe, is precisely by freeing India. Then, a free India can and, as her Congress leaders have repeatedly stated, would, immediately join in alliance, not only with Britain but with France, the Soviet Union and other anti-Fascist States to resist Fascist aggression.

Pages 66 & 67. The writer says that the Socialist Party Great Britain claims that the road to Socialism initially rests with the conversion of the majority of the working class to Socialist principles. The out-and-out revolutionary position of the S.P.G.B. forms the basis upon which a Revolutionary Party able to influence the great mass of the workers can be soundly built.

"The revolutionary Party"

The book contains objectionable matter.

Satiprasad mukherji.

S.I. S.B.

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put forward by Maxton - that every war should be opposed on humanitarian & Socialist principle. Can not be approved of by the members of the International Labour Party on the ground that it misled the workers & betrayed the political principle of Socialism. The writer says that Maxton's speech supports the views of the Capitalist state which act always in defence of the Capitalist interest. The Socialists want neither Capitalist peace nor Capitalist war. They are not always opposed to war, rather they welcome ^{civil war} for establishing Socialism in the world.

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~~under the heading~~ "Rosa Luxemburg on the Russia Revolution"
by Paul Froelich.

- In reply to the Critics of Rosa Luxemburg who are now falsely representing her views in regard to the Russian Revolution, it has been said in this article that a careful study of her writings will lead one to realise that she always spoke to widen & strengthen the revolutionary front & her slogan was never for Capitulation but always world revolution.

Page 56

In the article "How to Stop Hitler without War" Fenner Brockway says that it is the duty of the working class to stop Hitler. The first step should be to summon immediately an international Congress representing every section of the worker. This Congress should say to Hitler that he will be opposed by the workers of the world. . . . It should be a great occasion in this crisis of world Capitalism to mobilise the workers for its overthrow. A survey should be made of the anti-imperialist struggle & aid given to the colonial workers' organisations in building their Trade unions, political unions & political movements. The struggle against

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Review of the Left Forum

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Editorial - C.A. Smith, 81, Arcadian Gardens
London, N 22
Business: - Socialist Bookshop, 35 St. Bride St, London E.C. 4.

Printed at the
National Labour
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the Controversy
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35 St. Bride St.
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The aim of this journal, as the Publisher says, is the achievement of the classless society & the co-operative commonwealth. It offers itself as a forum for the public discussion of all those differences concerning methods & tactics which create divisions between & within the parties of the Left. Members of the Labour Party, Co-operative Party, Independent Labour Party and Communist Party & socialist to any or no party - are generally writers of this journal.

Page 37

The article headed "The World This month" contains criticism of the current political matters of Europe.

Speaking about the present ^{foreign} policy of the German Govt the editor observes through "Ingredients of Crisis" that Hitler does not want a combination of the British Govt & Soviet Union against his conquest of the smaller states of Europe. To face their opposition he will exploit the weaknesses of the social contradictions involved in the co-operation between the Empire & Soviet Union & spread peasants' discontent amongst the people of the smaller states.

Page 42

In the article entitled "The revolutionary attitude to Imperialist Peace" the writer has analysed the speech of James Maxton, M.P., delivered in the House of Commons on Oct. 4/11 '38, just after the Munich Pact, congratulating the Premier of England for preventing a world war. From the socialist point of view, the arguments

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EXPRESS LETTER

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FROM

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W. S. C.

To

CASPEL,
CALCUTTA.

13/5
meant for J. P. N. Sen
(P. P. below)
17/5
S. I. S. M.
Review
15/5

SECRET.

No. 3/Int/39. Simla, Dated 11th May, 1939. ~~xxx~~

Reference your Express letter No. 12835/S.M.514-39, dated 4-5-1939.

2. The periodical "LEFT FORUM" has not come to our notice.

L. B. B. 11.5.

ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

PIM.
11.5.39.

Review Memo
below. The journal
seems to be respectable.
Entered in info Dr. I.B. or
Send copy of the review to Dr. I.B.
as ask for the orders re disposal?
As proposed

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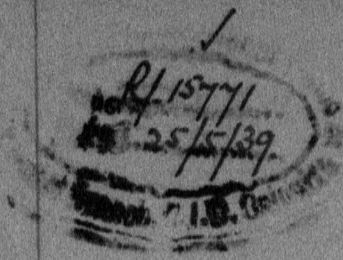
Reference your Express Letter
 No: 3/Dnt/39 dated 4/5/39 re the "Left
 Forum." I send herewith a review of
 the periodical prepared by one
 of my officers and shall be
 glad to have your views re.
 its disposal.

Yours etc.,

Encls:- one.

D.C. S.B.

No. 236, 4-25-5-39



Re:- Hindi Book entitled
"Jewansangharsha" by
Priya Darshi.

The book appears to offend against sub-clauses (b)
(d) and (f) of clause (1) of Section 4 of the Indian
Press (E.P.) Act, 1931 and as such is liable to action
under section 19 of the said Act.

The 25th May, 1939.

Prabodh Gopal Mukerjee
Public Prosecutor,
Calcutta.

D.C., S.B.

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420. Communist Publication.

C.112.
22.5.39.

It is reported that an English quarterly journal entitled "Current Thoughts" is being published by Bimal Ghosh (formerly of the Indian Students' Communist Group, London) from the residence of Dr. Jyotish Chandra Roy (an associate of German Communists in Berlin in 1929-31) at Flat No: 3, No: 30, Chowringhee Road. Parimal Ghosh (lecturer, Victoria Girls' College) is the joint editor, and Prof. Hiren Mukherjee (C.S.P.), Dr. Jyotish Ch: Roy and Dr. Moni Moulik (publicity Officer, Beta Shoe Coy.) are on its editorial board. Several Germany returned and anti-Nazi Bengali youngmen are stated to be assisting Bimal in its publication.

DS.

No. S. M. 514/39 & 26.5.39

Com to D.C. D.L.

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pp. 60-13.

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Q. 7/6

Sir, I have the honour to forward herewith in original an objectionable Hindi booklet entitled "Twaini Sangharsha" by Priya Darsi, printed by Twaini Road Shrihashab at the Hindi Sahitya Press, Allahabad, and published by Bharat Saput Karyalaya, Benares, together with a copy of its review.

The U.P.S.B. who were referred to regarding the book, state that the U.P. Govt. do not propose to proscribe the book although there are objectionable phrases in it and the general tone is not calculated to be helpful in present conditions. But they consider that the general thesis of the book and the manner of its presentation are not very convincing and do not deserve the advertisement of proscription.

The P.P. Calcutta was consulted on the point and he is of opinion that the book is liable to action up to 19 of the Indian Press (C.P.) Act 1931. A copy of his opinion is attached.

I would therefore ^{recommend} request that the book be ^{forfeited} proscribed at once under the above mentioned Section.

I have etc.,

For C.P.

P. M. 2

Memo No. Sm 514/39 of.

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Asst. Secy (R) } for information.

2. S.P. Mr. S.B.,

3. U.P. S.B. for information

with reference to his letter

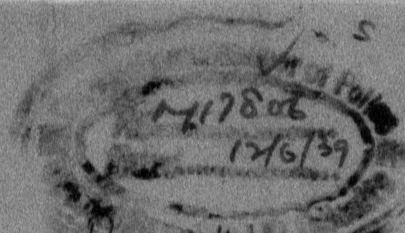
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Re the circulation of the
Hindi book "Jiban Sangharsha"

On enquiry it is learnt
that this book has no ~~print~~
circulation ^{practically} in Calcutta. On
enquiry in the book shops (Hindi),
the book is quoted as not being
found for purchase. The Agent
also is not sure if the book
is being sold in Calcutta.

The book in question was
printed in Allahabad and published
in Benares.

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12/6/39.

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SECRET.

No. 3/Int/39-II.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),
Government of India,
Simla, dated the 6th June, 1939.



My dear Finney,

Please refer to your letter No. D.I.B.
/303/S.M.514, dated 20-5-1939 regarding 'LEFT FORUM'.

2. This periodical has succeeded 'CONTROVERSY'
mentioned in this Bureau Circular No. 19/Int/36, dated
29-12-1936. The present issue of the 'LEFT FORUM'
appears to be objectionable. It is suggested it be
withheld under section 26(1) of the Post Office Act.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. A. S. S. 5.6.

P.E.S. Finney, Esquire, O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B.,
Calcutta.

PIM.
3.6.39.

Said noted
M. S. S. 5.6.

Office

P1 put up with 1/6.

JS 14/6

I. P. S. S.


Please see pages 75, 74. and 70 within.

JS 20/6

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The copy of Left Forum kept in
the Library 1/6 23/6.

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 pamphlet
entitled "18th Congress
of the Communist Party
of Soviet Union" -

Two Copies given to
H.A. for placing in
the office library.

He
m/b.

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From Inspector

of ~~D. D.~~ Calcutta, dated

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
AC(2)	re: The book entitled	
Personal.	" 18th Congress of the Communist Party of Soviet Union " - Stalin's speech.	
for 5/6		
Pl. put up or review the	begs to report that the above book was being sold at the College Square on 3/6/39.	
S. S. Hing 5/6 to review the	The " 18th Congress of the Communist Party of Soviet Union " - Stalin's masterly analysis of the world situation with a foreword by Prof. Herin Mukherjee - has been published by Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi (M.P. - B.P.U.S) from 27 B Gangadhar Sahu Lane, Calcutta and printed at the Popular Printing works, 47 Modern Road Lane, Calcutta.	
Report of reviewer attached herewith S. S. Hing 12/6.		
	J. S. Hing 5/6/39.	

2. Moral & political unity for Soviet society.
3. Friendship between peoples of their country.
4. Strngthening the Red Army & the Red Navy.
5. Rely upon its policy of Peace.
6. The moral support of the working people of all countries to whom the preservation of peace is of vital concern.
7. To be careful not to allow their country to be involved in conflicts of instigators of war who are used to get other people to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them.
8. Not to forget the surrounding capitalist world & hence to strengthen the Socialist Intelligence Service and to smash & ~~the~~ root out the enemies of her people.

Prof Hiren Mukherjee in the foreward , referring to the aggressions referred to, by Stalin, adds that "the incredible spectacle of aggressor states being allowed a practically a free hand to expand, of fascists simultaneously bullying, backgaurding & harrying the demoplutocracies, of the British "National" Government acting as the spearhead of international reaction, inspite of the potential manace of Hitle & Co to ~~to~~ its empire, needs some explaining." He hopes the pamphlet would circulate by tens of theousands & "would strengthen the determination of (the people of India) to be ong gaurd-on gaurd with the Soviets for freedom & social revolution."

Submitted for perusal & orders.

S. I. S. B.
S.I.,S.B.
11.6.39.

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Criminal Investigation Department
SPECIAL BRANCH

Aligarh, U. P.
Nani Tal

Dated the 9th June 1939.

In reply, please quote
No. G/Y-3
and also the date of this letter. Without these particulars papers cannot be traced as no receipt and dispatch register is maintained. The subject of correspondence should be clearly indicated in body of reply.

My dear Finney,

I enclose herewith a copy of "18th Congress of the Communist Party of Soviet Union", with a foreword by Prof. Hiren Mukharji, published by Abul Mansur Habibullah, 27-B, Gangadhar Babu Lane, Bowbazar, Calcutta, and printed at the Popular Printing Works, 47, Madhu Roy Lane, Calcutta, in case you have not already seen a copy. This was obtained at the U.P. Provincial Youth Conference in Unao last month, which, as you may have seen from para 202 of this Province's Secret Abstract No. 21 dated May 27, 1939, bore a most objectionable tone.

Yours sincerely,

Richardson

For A. to D.I.G., C.I.D., S.B., U.P.

To

P.E.S. Finney, Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Encl. 1.
DS/B.

Ac II

This has already been noticed vide papers below. Lte?

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701- put up the para 202 of S.A. 21/5/39

Mr. Bhattacharji.

14/6 - Read today

Mr. Grant

UP S.A. No 21 9.27.39 placed below. This may be returned when one views

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Re. you enclose above para 202 of U.P. abs. placed below.

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Shall see also

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275. Communist Publications.

C.L.18.
14.6.39.

It is reported that on 12.6.39 some C.P.I. members * made over to Thakur (younger brother of Mukul Sen (E.C.) of Barisal) at the Book Union at Russa Road, pamphlets and receipt books of the party as also the following books :-

- (1) . Trotskyism of Leninism ;
- (2). Communism in Great Britain and
- (3). Manifesto of the Communist Party.

* Benoy Roy Chowdhury (E.D.),
E. Rebi Roy Chowdhury (E.D.),
Niranjan Sen Gupta (E.C.).

Spec. 514/39.

342. Communist Publications.

I.R. 18695
20-6-39

A copy of Bulletin No. 20 dated 24-5-39
of the International Federation of Trade Unions,
has been sent from Paris to the Calcutta Writers'
Union at 7, Moulvi Lane, a haunt of important C.P.I.
members.

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C. 112
30. 5. 39.

58. Socialist Propaganda by the "Statesman".

The Statesman is also said to be giving indirect assistance to Leftists by advocating the Anglo-Soviet alliance, and by denouncing the Nazi politics and Fascism. As a result it has earned cheap popularity among Leftist elements, such as, Prof. Susobhan Sarkar, (P.W.A.) Prof. Nirmal Bhattacharjee (P.W.A.) Prof. Hiren Mukharji, (P.W.A.), Suren Goswami, (P.W.A.), Humayun Kabir, (P.W.A.), and Sudhin Dutta, (P.W.A.). Some of these literary writers are reviewing Leftist books in the Sunday edition of the "Statesman", and Prof. Hiren Mukharji in the issue of 28th. May, 1939, reviewed the book entitled "The Village" and incidentally admired its well-known ^{Communist} author Dr. Mulk Raj Anand. Dr. I.M. Stephens (a former Director of Public Information) is on the editorial staff of the "Statesman" and is said to be encouraging this pro-Leftist tendency.

3/6.39

Com. Books

TERRORIST GROUPS 6.6.39.

101. Anushilan - Main.

C.192/4.6.39. A discussion about the purchase of books for the party was held at a secret meeting * on 3.6.39 at 17A, Bhuban Banarji Lane, Calcutta. Ashu Kahili (E.D.) and Biren Chatterji (E.D.) stated that they had collected Rs, 100/- for the party and that the whole amount should be spent on books. Saroj Sen (E.D.) and Dibyendu Mukherji (E.D.) opposed this proposal : they suggested that only Rs.50/- be spent on books which incidentally should be on Socialism, and the remaining amount be utilized for organization work. It is further stated that Dibyendu and Saroj blamed the leaders for ignoring the secret side of the party work, and urged that a practical programme should be outlined to consolidate the party through the Congress. The meeting was inconclusive but it was decided to place the matter before the leaders.

*Present.

Biren Chatterji, (E.D.), Ashu Kahili (E.D.),
Khagen Banarji (E.D.), Saroj Sen (E.D.),
Dibyendu Mukherji (E.D.), Saradindu Bose (E.D.),
Naren Banarji @ Naru (E.D.),
Nalini Shome (E.D.), and others.

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12 Noon.

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Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O. on
8/6/39, a booklet entitled
"Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist
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addressed to Niharendu Dutt
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— E.H.

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by
8/6/39

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From A booklet entitled "Bolshevik Leninist
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To N. Mahendran Suth. Muzumdar, M.A., 7, Kander-
dine Lane, Calcutta.

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A review is put up.
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	<p>Intercepted at New Bazar P.O. on 11/6/39 - a packet containing the one copy of: -</p> <p>"The Totalitarian State - Against Man" by Count R.N. Coudenhove Kalergi and one copy of: - "Democracy & Socialism" by Arthur Rosenberg.</p> <p>from: - John Clark 12 Ludgate Sq. London E.C.</p> <p>To: - Co-operative Book Depot 54 Coleridge St. Cal.</p>	

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To Cooperative Book Depot
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To: Post: Sir: (R)

EXPRESS LETTER.

Reply at 12:10 PM

The undersigned will be glad to know whether the following ~~publication has~~ come to the notice of the publications have Intelligence Bureau and, if so, whether ~~it comes~~ within they come the scope of the General Communist Notification. Does a review of ~~its~~ contents suggest that action is possible or their desirable under any other law? The ~~publication is~~ being publications are detained pending receipt of a reply to this letter.

Qc 14/6
FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Title	Author	Publisher	Printer
①. <u>The Totalitarian State against Man</u>	by Count R. N. Coudenhove Kalergi.	Panuropa editions Ltd, Glarus, Switzerland.	Printed in Great Britain by Sheratt and Hughes at St. Ann's Press Manchester.
②. <u>"Democracy and Socialism"</u>	by Arthur Rosenberg	G. Bell & Sons Ltd, London	Printed in Great Britain by Kinble and Bradford London W1.

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P38 and treacherous leadership, and spread Communism in the trade union ranks. He is of opinion that only revolutionary violence can help the workers and this must be accepted by the (Congress) Capitalists if they want the support of organized labour. He says, "Down with Stalinism which advocates mass affiliation to Congress." He condemns Stalinism as having betrayed the trade union movement in India.

Regarding the Comintern and the preparations of British Imperialism, the writer declares that the Trotskyists strictly adhere to the Leninist thesis to categorically turn the imperialist - Capitalist war into a civil war for the struggle to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

P44. He declares, while criticising the united front policy of the CPI, that the addition of revolutionary phraseology like that of Jawaharlal, Subhas, Nay and the CSP to the programme, does not disguise the cardinal fact that the Leninist - Marxist proletarian, violent and bloody, revolutionary programme is not the programme of the Communist Party while it is the programme of the Trotskyists.

He deals with the problems of the Federation, the Muslim League, the Indian State, religion and women. In conclusion he writes every Communist to consider this programme well and fight shoulder to shoulder with them (Trotskyists) for the future Indian dictatorship of the proletariat and for the world revolution. This programme, it is said, stands for the violent expulsion of British Imperialism.

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The book is not only scurrilous, but also inflammatory

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P.29. Regarding the peasantry, the writer states that the Bolshevik programme is to strengthen the Kisan Sanghs and intensify the peasant movement. The Bolsheviks must invariably and continually point out that only the violent extirpation of the three partners in peasant exploitation, namely, Imperialism, Capitalism and Landlordism can get for the poor peasants their rights. As a preliminary to the revolutionary struggle they must lead no-rent, no-tax campaigns. Every Kisan Sangh leader should endeavour to create secret nuclei for the purpose of carrying on illegal propaganda for revolutionary seizure of land. They must condemn the Gandhian policy towards the peasants and demand the abolition of the "Abinisa" programme.

P.32 He cannot imagine how Lenin himself would have regarded the renegadism of Stalin, Ray, Dutt, Bradley and their followers in India who even fail to oppose non-violence in Congress.

P.37 Regarding trade unions he writes that they oppose hostals unless the workers are consulted by Congress leadership beforehand, and if the unions agree, the hostal should be turned into a violent demonstration against imperialism and capitalism. They object to the workers being used as a pawn in Gandhi's game with imperialism. All Trotskyists will join the trade unions, form cells therein for the purpose of fighting the backward

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reality, the present programme of the Stalinian Communists completely surrenders to Gandhian Congress Capitalists. They savagely sabotage in deeds the attempt to put the Leninist programme into effect anywhere though professing Marxist phraseology in words. The writer denounces M.N. Roy as still adhering to his original policy of betrayal of the proletarian masses. He holds out the Trotskyists as the staunch supporters of the programme of Lenin in 1917 and cries a warning that when the Indian revolution comes the "Communist" Party will betray it under some treacherous excuse or another.

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Then he points out that the Soviets can only be formed at the beginning of a revolution. The basic line of Gandhism is antagonistic to participation in Soviets which are the organs of revolutionary mass violence and assault on the ruling classes, by mass revolutionary delegations. These representatives in the Congress Socialist Party, Royism and Stalinism will be there to defend the property-owners. He writes

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"The Gandhians may make an effort to form provisional governments and such other shifts possible but ultimately the Soviets will conquer all power. And this is chiefly because the civil war against British Imperialism needs the most violent revolutionary warlike methods, and the cowardly bourgeoisie cannot and will not take those steps, thus thrusting the task upon the Soviets" - ...

The future, then, is for the Trotskyists just as long as they follow the true Marxist-Leninist-Trotskyist line.

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	<p>5. Recognition of the necessity of systematic Communist work in the proletarian mass organizations, particularly in the reformist trade unions.</p> <p>6. Rejection of the formula of the "Democratic Dictatorship of the Proletariat and peasantry" as a separate regime distinguished from the dictatorship of the proletariat.</p> <p>7. Recognition of the necessity of mobilising the masses under democratic slogans corresponding to the concrete situation and actual struggle in each country.</p> <p>8. Recognition of the necessity of a united front policy with respect to the mass organizations of the working class.</p> <p>9. Rejection of the theory of Social-fascism.</p> <p>10. The struggle for the regrouping of the revolutionary forces of the world's working class under the banner of international Communism. Recognition of the necessity of the creation of a genuine Communist International capable of applying the above principles.</p> <p>11. Recognition of Party democracy and ruthless condemnation of the Stalinist pluri-party regime.</p> <p>The writer castigates the Stalinist policy in India which put the Communists out of the Congress in 1930 and then handed over the masses to the Gandhian Capitalists. They took another Somerset in seeking to build up a Congress-Communist united front in spite of their violent denunciation of the Congress as a reactionary and compromiser in the past. In</p>	

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	<p>in the light of the basic propositions of Marx and Lenin, and to come to a clear decision on all questions now facing the working class of India. The writer points out how Stalin since he had assumed the dictatorship of the Communist International had always betrayed the world proletarian revolution in which Trotsky and his left wing supporters in the Comintern had placed invincible faith. Stalin has been charged of having been the father of Counter-revolution in Russia and other countries. It has been pleaded that Trotsky has built up the Fourth International for the purpose of defending the Soviet Union by eliminating Stalinism and of preventing Stalin and his parasites from sabotaging the world revolution. The Fourth International stands today as the independent leader of the world proletarian revolution.</p> <p>The following eleven points are stated to be the fundamental principles of the International Left opposition consolidated in the Fourth International:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The independence of the proletarian party always and under all conditions. 2. Recognition of the International and thereby of the permanent character of the proletarian revolution. 3. Recognition of the Soviet State as a workers' state and its defence by every worker against imperialism and internal counter-revolution. 4. Condemnation of the economic policy of the Stalinist faction and recognition of the necessity of a return to the realistic economic policies of Leninism. 	

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Dear -

A booklet entitled "Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist Programme", addressed to Niharendu Datta Mazumdar M.L.A., No. 1, Kunderdine, Calcutta, bearing postal seal of Bombay G.P.O. dated 6/6/39, was intercepted at the Bow Bazar P.O. on the 8th June 1939. The booklet bears no name of its author or that of the press where it was printed. It has been withheld.

Yours etc.,

17970/S.M. 514/39 D/- 21.6.39

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for information.
D.C.S.B.

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17970-C D/- 21.8.39.
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S.B. (P.) for information.
A review of the booklet is
also enclosed.

For D.C.S.B.
4/8/39.

Sent to S.B.
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24/6.

address :
Station, Calcutta.
Telephone Nos. Cal. 4526 to 30.

No. 1806

FROM

F.M. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Customs,
CALCUTTA,

TO

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
Calcutta.

Dated the 6th June 1939.

No. of Enclosures 3

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy each of the undernoted books imported by Messrs. Allied Publishers & Stationery Manufacturers Ltd., Calcutta, for favour of examination and report whether the publications fall within the scope of the General Communist Notification, Govt. of India Finance Department (Central Revenues) No. 61 of 10th September 1932.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Collector of Customs.

1. "Capital" by Karl Marx.

2. Fifty years of International Socialism by M. Beer.

3. "Karl Marx" by Harold J. Laski.

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Reusal of reference notes above.

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	<p>He, out of love for the Jews, advises them to think of Palestine as an integral part of the British Empire and make English their second language in the place of Yiddish or German, and to study English history and literature, and then the Jews will find in it much to inspire them and to satisfy their thirst for freedom, human dignity and social justice.</p> <p>In conclusion, the author observes that it is the historic mission of Socialist Society to raise practical social ethics to the same height and potency as Capitalist Society has raised experimental physical science. Socialist Society, in its supreme task of mastering the economic forces of social life and of bringing production and distribution into harmony, will need sociological knowledge and social ethics, and eventually these will flourish.</p> <p>The book seems to me to be innocuous.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jnanadas Dutta 16/10/39</p>	

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	<p>a very close contact with the social, political and economic movements in the different countries including England and Russia. He was always inquisitive to ascertain the views of great thinkers and social workers like Frederick Engels, Eleanor Marx, Lenin, Zola and others. He has recorded in these pages the views of those men. He describes Lenin as having been "against individual acts of violence and terrorism". He also comments on the political philosophy of Lenin as being favourable to Socialist revolution. In his opinion, the Russians, being backward in matters concerning production and economic relations, adhered to the principles of primitive social adjustment and they had the solidarity among themselves requisite for the success of the Socialist experiment. This was not possible in countries having advanced and developed system of production and economy.</p> <p>He speaks very highly of Britain and praises particularly the beneficent policy of Mr. Gladstone adjusting Labour and Capital. He says that England is a difficult soil for the growth of Socialism. He admires the Constitutional and evolutionary political principles of the thinkers and social workers in England. He says: "I am speaking from half a century of study and experience, present British Constitutional life is one of the noblest products of middle class civilization. Build up within this frame a Jewish civilization progressive and tolerant, and you will by this means win the sympathy of the Arabs and the respect of the British."</p>	

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various countries of Europe and in America has been traced in these pages along with the author's commentary on the part played by the Jewish intellectuals like Karl Marx and others.

The author, H. Beer, writes at great length on the past and present conditions in Germany. He was an adherent of the Social Democratic Party in that country. He relates how miserable and fraught with grave consequences was the failure of the Social Democratic Party in Germany. The author points out that the German middle classes could not produce some men of independent character and enlightened statesmanship like Pitt, Peel and Gladstone, to steady the impulsive Kaiser, to correct his inconsistency and assist him to steer the ship of State on even keel. "The German middle classes, therefore, deserved their fate in being governed by Herren Hitler, Goering and Goebbels." In the succeeding pages the author speaks of the post-war emergence of Nazism in Germany and the counter-revolution which it had fostered and furthered, particularly against the Socialist thought. In no uncertain terms does the author condemn the Jew-baiting of Hitler and his Nazi supporters of which the author had himself been a tragic victim. This anti-Jewish drive, he holds, had accentuated the Jewish immigration in Palestine and other places in the world.

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The author engaged himself in journalistic work and on this score he has established

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Review of "Fifty years of International Socialism"
by Max Beer - published by George Allen and Unwin,
Ltd, Museum Street, London (1935) and printed in U.S.He
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Previous papers
Submitted below.
For orders.He
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All the books
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The book under review is an auto-biography of the author, Max Beer, in which he mainly endeavours to give the readers an insight into the burning problems with which the Jewish people are faced with. He also presents a retrospective review of the Social, economic and religious conditions of the Jews. The author, with reference to himself, characterizes his book as something like the psychological record of a religious mind, passing from mediaevalism to modern thought and Social Science. He depicts how he had extricated himself from the influence of orthodox Judaism and become one of the champions and pioneers of the international Socialist movement.

In this book the author has dealt with the various movements that had taken place in Germany during the period ranging from the fall of Prince Bismarck to the infamous end of the German Republic. He has also dwelt upon the Social currents in France and the United States of America and the fostering of the revolutionary forces in Russia. The history of the Social and labour movement in the

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No. 17273, dated 21-6-39
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Enclosures.

Sir,
with reference to your No. 1806 dated 6/6/39 forwarding three books for examination and report, I have the honor to report that all the books are ^{innocuous} ~~innocuous~~ and may be delivered.

The books are returned herewith.

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H.C. S.B.

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ট্রেড ইউনিয়ন আন্দোলন—প্রাথমিক
স্বাধীন প্রণীত: বঙ্গীয় প্রজাসভা
হাউস ৫১ নং হ্যারিসন রোড, কলিকাতা
হইতে প্রকাশিত। ৩৩ পৃঃ। মূল্য চার
আনা।

ভারতবর্ষে ট্রেড ইউনিয়ন আন্দোলনের
সংক্ষিপ্ত ইতিহাস। গ্রন্থকার লিখিয়াছেন
“১৮৮৪ সালে স্বতন্ত্র প্রথম ভারতের শ্রমিক
মজদুর শ্রেণী সংঘবদ্ধভাবে সাধারণের দৃষ্টি
আকর্ষণ করে”—ইহা সত্য নহে। ১৮৬০
খৃষ্টাব্দের ১লা নবেম্বর বরাহনগরে শিশিপদ
বন্দোপাধ্যায়ের আহবানে বহু সংখ্যক
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গণের জন্য একটি ‘আনা সেভিংস ব্যাংক’
স্থাপিত হয়। মরিশাস প্রভৃতি স্থানে
যেসব কুলী চালান দেওয়া হইত তাহাদের
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সংঘবদ্ধ হইয়া সাধারণের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ
করিতে সমর্থ হইয়াছিল। এইসব দৃষ্টি
সত্ত্বেও বইখানি মোটামুটি ভালই হইয়াছে।
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"Bharate-Trade Union
Andolan"

By Sharan Lal Senani
Published by the Burman Publishing
House

A.C.

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H.C. BENGALI

Communism—By Amulya Chandra Adhikari with a foreword by Atindra Mohan Roy, Pp. 69. Price annas six only. Published by Atul Kumar Dutt and to be had of Burman Publishing House, 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

Of late Marxism has begun to be seriously discussed in our country. It is therefore meet and proper that books on the subject should be published in Indian languages. The book under review is a fairly good attempt to expound the principles of communism in simple Bengali.

The author, who had been a State prisoner for a long time, utilised his prison life in studying, among other subjects, the difficult doctrine of communism. The result of his study is the publication of several books. It is hoped that his labour will be fruitful.

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No. S.M. 5/4, dated 21-6-29

Enclosures.

Dear .

Will you please let me know if the following books have come to your notice and if so, supply ^{me} with copies of their reviews.

①. "Communism". By Anulaya Chandra Adhikari with a foreword by Mincha Mohan Roy. Published by Atul Kumar Sutt.

②. "Bharate Trade Union Andolan". By Dharani Gaurani. Published by the Burnan Publishing House.

Yours Sincerely,

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Communist Publications

C.L.-63
14.6.39

It is reported that Satyabrata Ghose of the North Calcutta Congress Committee produced a pamphlet entitled "Communism in Great Britain" by John Strachey and published by the Socialist Literature Publishing Company, Gokulpura,

Is it not prohibited?

Mr. K.R.K.
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Mr. J. Strachey
Agra.

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No. SM-514/39, dated 23-6-39

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Dear—

I write to inform you that a prohibited pamphlet entitled "Communism in Great Britain" by John Strachey and published by the Socialist Literature Publishing Company, Gokulpura, Agra, has come to our notice. The pamphlet was produced by an agent.

Yours etc.,

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EXPRESS LETTER



[N.B.—This is an ORIGINAL MESSAGE, sent by post to save telegraphic expense and undue use of the wires, but intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To save time and formalities it is worded and signed as if it had been so despatched.]

FROM

ASST. DIRECTOR (R), INTELLIGENCE BUREAU,
(HOME DEPARTMENT), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

To

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH,
CALCUTTA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 3/Int/39-II

Dated 21st June, 1939. *22*

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The books "The Totalitarian State against Man" and "Democracy and Socialism" mentioned in your Express Letter No. 17842-C/S.M.514/39 dated 14-6-1939, have not come to our notice.

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ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

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21.6.39.

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Telegraphic address :
"Customs, Calcutta."
Telephone Nos. Cal. 4526 to 30.

No. 1505

FROM F. M. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.,
~~Exec~~ COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,
CALCUTTA,

TO
The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
Calcutta.

Dated the 25th May 1939.

No. of Enclosures 1

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of
a book "The fate of the Middle Classes" by Alec Brown
imported by Messrs. Allied Publishers & Stationery Manufac-
turing Ltd., Calcutta, for favour of examination and report
whether the publication falls within the scope of the
General Communist Notification Government of India Finance
Department (Central Revenues) No. 61 of 10th September 1932.

2. A reference is invited to the list of authors
forwarded with your letter No. 5799-C dated 11th October 1934
wherein the name "Alec Braun" appears. I shall be obliged
if you will kindly let me know whether you consider the two
names identical.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Collector of Customs.

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Alec Brown referred to
in the letter is a member of
International Union of
Revolutionary writers, his
literatures are prohibited
under G.C. certification.

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	No. <u>15862-c</u> <u>S.M. 514/39</u> dated <u>JUN 3-1939</u>		

Enclosures,

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 1505 dated 25/5/39 and to request ^{that} you will be so good as to send me a copy of my letter No. 5499 dated the 11/10/34, as the same is not easily traceable at present.

I have etc.,

(d) " will oppose by all means in their power the development of all forms of Fascism, and also all tendencies in Socialist thought and policy which smooth the way for fascism - tendencies towards surrender without struggle, towards helping the monopolists to tighten their grip on economic life by means of State capitalism, and will co-operate as widely as possible in any form of active resistance to capitalism".

3. It is requested that all literature written by the conveners of the conference mentioned above or by any members of both the parent body and its British Section, may kindly be withheld under the General Communist Notification.

4. This information and request should not be published in Secret Abstracts.

Sd/- F.F.P.Gill.
11/4.

Addtt. Supdt. of Police.

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SECRET.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, 1/4.
Home Department,
Government of India,
No.16/Pubs/34.

Dated, New Delhi, the 11th
April, 1934.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

On 20.2.34 a conference was held in England to consider the formation of a British Section of the "International Union of Revolutionary Writers", a body founded at Kharkov in 1930. The conveners were :-

1. Carmel Haden Guest.
2. Montagu Slater.
3. T.H. Wintringham.
4. Hugh MacDiarmid.
5. Alec Braun.
6. Ralph Fox.
7. G. Allen Hutt.
8. John Lehmann.
9. Edgell Rickwood.
10. A.P. Roley.
11. Harold Heslop.
12. John Strachey.

2. The conditions of membership will cover "writers, journalists and those interested in the theatre and literature", who

- (a) "being members of the working class desire to express in their work, more effectively than in the past, the struggle of their class - the struggle to better the conditions of the working class and to lift the whole of society to Socialism;
- (b) "or desire to throw in their lot with the working class in that struggle;
- (c) "will use their pens and their influence against imperialist war and in defence of the Soviet Union, the State where the foundations of Socialism have already been laid, and will expose the hidden forms of war being carried on against the Indian, Irish, African and Chinese peoples;

(d)

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Copy of letter No.5799-C dated the 11th October 1934
from the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta,
to the Asstt. Collector of Customs, for Appraisement, Calcutta.

With reference to your letter No.A.17007 dated the 3rd
March 1934, regarding the book entitled "The Coming Struggle
for Power" by John Strachey, I have the honour to refer you to the
enclosed circular Memorandum No.16/Pubs/34 dated the 11th April,
1934, from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government
of India, New Delhi, from which it would appear that all literature
written by John Strachey and other authors mentioned therein
should be withheld under the General Communist Notification.

I have had some correspondence with the local Government
regarding the book in question and have also brought to their
notice the instructions contained in the said Circular from the
Intelligence Bureau. They have now asked me to ascertain from
you whether in the face of the above Circular you would still
require orders of the local Government under section 181-A of the
Sea Customs Act in this and other similar cases and if so the
reasons for it. Government are anxious that the whole matter
is set on a satisfactory footing for the future. I would therefore
request you to kindly let me have a reply at an early date.

The information contained in the enclosed Circular
from the Intelligence Bureau is of a strictly confidential nature
and it is particularly requested that its secrecy may kindly
be maintained.

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Confidential.

SM 54/39
F. M. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.,
THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,
CALCUTTA,

46.
To
The Deputy Commissioner of
Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Telegraphic address: "Customs, Calcutta."
Telephone Nos. Cal. 4526 to 30.

No. of Enclosures 200/17. No. 85 (con)

Dated the 13th June 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 15862-C
S.M. 514/39

dated the 3rd June 1939 and to forward a copy of your letter
No. 5799-C dated 11th October 1934 as requested therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Innes
Collector of Customs.

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Express Letter

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Please let me know if
Alec Braun ^(INDEXED) referred to in your
 Circular memorandum No. 16/Pubs/34
 dated 11/4/34 is identical with
Alec Brown ^(INDEXED) author of a book
 entitled "The fate of the middle
 classes," published by Victor
 Gollancz Ltd., London.

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I.B. H.D. DEPARTMENT.

EXPRESS LETTER

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From

Assistant Director (R), Intelligence Bureau,
(Home Department), Government of India,

To

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B.,
Calcutta.

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No. 3/Int/39-II

Dated 21st June, 1939. 192 :

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Reference your Express letter No. S.M.514/39, dated 16-6-1939 regarding the identity of ALEC BRAUN.

2. We have nothing on record to show that Alec Braunn is identical with Alec Brown, the author of 'THE FATE OF THE MIDDLE CLASSES'. This book has been seen here and is considered harmless.

H. B. Barlow.
ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

P.M.
22.6.39.

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No. *15862-C.*
S.M.-514/39. dated *27-6-39*

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Sir,

with reference to your No. 1505 dated the 25th May 1939 forwarding a copy of a book entitled "The Fate of the Middle Classes" by Alec Brown. I have the honour to inform you that the book is harmless.

We have nothing on record to show that ^{referred to in memo no. 5499-C dated 11/5/39} Alec Brown is identical with ^(INDEXED) Alec Brown, the author of the book referred to above. The book is returned herewith.

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450. Communist Publications.

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It is reported that copies of a Hindi book entitled 'New World' ^{CH. KED.} edited by K.N.R. Shastri and published by the Socialist Literature Publishing Company, Agra, were sold in the North Calcutta Congress Committee office. The book deals with the present condition of the labourers and peasants and condemns Fascism.

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of D. D. Calcutta, dated
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Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
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P129 "The British Empire rests not only upon power but also upon authority. The ideal of the gentleman is a substitute for armies of millions. It is the greatest and most precious of all the products which England manufactures and exports, for it has become, far beyond the boundaries of the western world, the ideal of the modern man and the symbol of the British place in the world."

P164 "This is a fact which should engage the attention of all Socialists whose final aim is not to abolish inequality but to exterminate misery, to do away with poverty rather than wealth, to bring about a social evolution and not a Marxist revolution."

P175 "He who is in favour of Bolshevism is in favour of terror, of the denial of liberty, of arbitrariness, of the universalisation of property, of the destruction of our civilization, of materialism, of the totalitarian state. Capitalism alone makes a democracy possible, such as exists in England or Switzerland."

P176 "The end of this illusion of the Marxist State of the future opens up the possibility of a revaluation, of class reconciliation, and of a renewal of freedom."

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The book appears to me to be unobjectionable.
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	<p>professional secrecy are abolished. The totalitarian State inevitably becomes a police state which sacrifices human rights to the interests of the State, for criticism and opposition are natural functions of State life; they can only be capelled if they are continuously suppressed.</p> <p>Prob. " For this great aim (to prepare this world revolution) bolshevism fights with intellect and violence, with propaganda and terror.</p> <p>P.M. " Bolshevism desires to use the enormous influence of its State trust, which can be arbitrarily increased without limit at the cost of the standard of living, to obtain the military and propagandist means to carry out the world revolution. Reposing upon this military power, upon the world propaganda of the Third International, upon the discontent of the working classes and the hatred of the suppressed colonial peoples, it desires to link the whole world to the Soviet Union after a bath of blood such as has never been seen in order to have a unified government over a Communist world Federation in accordance with the ideas of Lenin."</p> <p>P. 123 " Mankind stands today before this grave and clear decision, whether to take the Russian or the British path, the path of the totalitarian State or the path of the totalitarian man."</p>	

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of all opposing political forces through murder, robbery, torture and extortion was his declared aim. This war of extermination was directed not only against the bourgeoisie and its allies, but also against every element of the proletariat and of socialism which did not accord him unquestioning obedience. The so-called dictatorship of the proletariat was in form a dictatorship of the Communist Party. In actual fact it was a personal dictatorship of Lenin and his closest collaborators, a return to absolutism with different motives, but with greater cruelty, arbitrariness and violence.

P90. "When Germany abandoned democracy, she was the third of the seven world powers to renounce the ideal of freedom. For whatever the differences between bolshevism, national socialism and fascism, they have a common meeting ground in the cult and omnipotence of the State on the one hand and the degradation and impotence of the individual on the other."

P92. "The totalitarian state of the twentieth century is the child of the civil war between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. It is therefore in its essence a military state which only secures internal freedom and suppresses its defeated adversaries through a continual military occupation of the country."

P99. "Torture becomes an instrument for the maintenance of the State, and postal and

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P67. "The democratic system even today constitutes the best guarantee there is against arbitrariness and injustice on the part of the authorities and the best guarantee for the protection of the individual's legal status and personal freedom - in short, for the protection of man against the State."

P71. "English democracy and the British ideal of the gentleman are only two aspects of the same spirit. You can have dictatorship at every stage of civilization, and even among savages. Democracy requires a high moral level, a strong sense of chivalry. Because England has adopted the ethics of the gentleman and of modern chivalry, the crisis which democracy has been going through has passed over this country almost without touching it. The totalitarian State is no part of England's aim, because the roots of her political system are found in totalitarian man. English freedom was created by gentlemen and for gentlemen, and for this reason it is immune from the dangers of dictatorship and State totalitarianism."

P82. "Scarcely had Lenin achieved power by a coup d'état when he began to exhibit an utter contempt for personal freedom and human rights and set up a dictatorship of power and terror. The extermination

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would never fall onus to political fanaticism as expressed through the worship of the most dangerous form of modern idolatry, namely, the Totalitarian State. He describes the aims of the Communist International for effecting a world revolution ^{for communist hegemony} as an illusion. The following quotations may give an interesting reading, —

P. 46.-47. "If anarchy is the worst of all conditions for the formation of personality, totalitarianism in the State is the second worst, since it equally deprives men of the freedom to develop into personality in accordance with their own inner law. The world is not threatened by anarchy today, but by totalitarianism. The totalitarian State has become the deadly enemy of the free man. If this process continues there is a risk that the light which Athens kindled will be extinguished — the light of freedom, of personality, and of Western Civilization."

P. 54. "Since that time (the regime of Charles I) England has remained the shield of the parliamentary system and of liberalism, the light house of European liberty, and the heir of Athens."

P. 65 "Many countries are more democratic than England with its monarchy and feudal upper house, but there is no country which is more liberal or shows a greater respect for the personal freedom of the individual."

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is the root of the political chaos and anarchy in Europe today. In his opinion the dream of the Bolshevik regime to foster and bring about a world revolution on Bolshevik-Proletarian lines is absurd. The author is the champion of the totalitarian man as against the totalitarian State whereas he the Absolute and the State will be its slave and instrument to check anarchy and disharmony. He is the advocate of the universal and many-sided freedom of man unfettered and unhampered by any interference of the State. He expresses bright optimism ~~in~~ in saying that the universal cult of human freedom would break through all shackles and crisis which may have been temporarily imposed upon it at the present time. He has the highest admiration and support for the British Parliamentary system of Government described as the quintessence of democracy and his tribute to the thorough-bred English Gentleman is sincere. He calls upon others to emulate the English gentleman and imitate his qualities. Towards the end of his work the author disapproves of imperialism and urges for universal amelioration of the living conditions of men so that with a higher economic standard of life with all its amenities the man of human being

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which has overshadowed the history of humanity is beginning to pass away, Mr. Wickham Steed expresses that before it passes away the blackest cloud will pour death and destruction upon millions. In the end the immortal spirit of man will break the chains which modern tyrants and their dupes seek to rivet upon man. In the meantime the fight against the totalitarian State with its ideal of enforced uniformity among the sons of men is a holy war for the freedom of the human soul and the fight must go on till the end is realized.

The book under review contains the bitterest possible condemnation of the dictatorship of the totalitarian State as found today in Germany, Italy and Russia. The author has endeavoured to unmask completely the motive and evil designs of the German Nazis and the Italian fascists to establish the fascist dictatorship in the world by trampling down the age-old freedom of human beings. The author has also very trenchantly castigated the Soviet Government and the bolshevik totalitarian State in Russia and has characterised Bolshevism as having been closely allied with violence, terror and the crushing down of the freedom of the individual in spheres political, economic and spiritual. The author has explained the significance of the totalitarian State and observed that this

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Scathing denunciation of the totalitarian Government such of Italy, Germany & Russia and unbounded praise of the English gentleman and English system of Govt.

Review of "The Totalitarian State against man" a book by Count Richard N. Condemhove-Kalergi published by Pan-europa Editions Ltd., Gharms, Switzerland and printed in Great Britain by Sherratt and Hughes at the St. Ann's Press, Manchester.

A harmless book

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① Previous papers submitted below.

②. S. M. Ind may be asked to expedite his review re: the book "Democracy and Socialism".

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Mr. Wickham Steed in the course of his introductory remarks highly applauds this work of Count Condemhove-Kalergi who is described as a philosopher, an artist and no less, a man of action as well. The depth and the luminous quality of the reasoning with which the author combats the deification of the State and demolishes the Hegelian conception of the State as "an end in itself" cannot be questioned. The author points out that the doctrine of Hegel that the highest right and highest duty of the individual is to be a member of the State, is the root of the political evil. Hegel has been characterised as the foster-parent of the Totalitarian State idea and the parent of the modern reaction against freedom. The author has traced to Hegel and his doctrines the form of Russian Bolshevism as of Italian Fascism and of German Nazism. In his opinion, Mussolini's dogma that the State is an Absolute is merely an echo of Hegel's error. In agreeing with the author that the blackest cloud arising out of the deification of the Totalitarian State

exist as a formal abstraction. On the contrary it is a definite political movement borne by definite social forces and classes, fighting for particular aims. A democratic state is that in which a democratic movement rules... Socialist democracy wants self govt. by the masses. Up till now Socialist democracy has not been capable of obtaining power in any state. Bourgeois democracy strives for self-govt by the masses, while maintaining the principle of private property. It neglects the class struggle and endeavours to adjust the difference between the wealthy upper class and the labouring ~~upper~~ masses.

... It is unfortunate for the historical reasons to speak of a later history of democracy, as such because "democracy as such does not exist, only a particular form of democracy has collapsed.

Finally it has been shown that not a single democratic commonwealth already ~~ex~~ in existence prior to 1914 succeeded during the present crisis. In modern times no real democracy has yet perished."

The book is of abstract nature and appears unobjectionable. M. M. M. 22/11/22

to gether with all its contradictions."

Lenin had ~~found~~ found in Russian Revolution
a new form of democratic movement
of the labouring man, in contrast to
traditional parliamentary democracy.

But, ^{the} world war was a sign of the triumph
of imperialism in the form of bourgeois
democracy. " During the same period

Moscow became the capital of a bureau-
cratic system of state capitalism,

monopoly capitalism strengthened its
power in U.S.A. The Nationalist Right
bloc ruled France, and in Italy
violent imperialism triumphed in
the form of fascist dictatorship."

" The decline and weakening of the
democratic forces on a world scale
continued till 1933."

The author says that since after
1933 social democracy is giving
ground and cites the examples of
England (p 350) France (p. 351)
Spain (p 357)

Seeing up his views on democracy
the author says " Democracy does not

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do not even think of attacking private property on moral grounds ---- They do not attack property as such at all, but only a definite historically developed form of private property peculiar to this own time. Marx and Engels then realized the necessity of Democratic International. They made propaganda for the same and succeeded in establishing one. They then wanted to utilize the Democratic International for the primary purpose of exerting pressure on the French Democrats."

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The author then gives an historical account of the rise of different Democratic and Social Democratic Parties in different countries from the revolution of 1848 to the pre war days. Social democracy, the author says, gradually changed in to bourgeois democracy owing to its constant struggle with the Imperialists and Capitalists.

Until 1914 Lenin not only advocated Social democracy but around 1914 "Lenin revived original Marxism

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Manifesto. "According to this - the elevation of the proletariat to the position of the ruling class - is identical with the struggle to obtain democracy." Democracy and communism were not identical with Marx and Engels at first. "Expropriation of landed property and transfer of the land to the rural workers" was considered typically democratic in 1848. He then tries to show on historical back ground that the later policies of Marx and Engels were an incessant controversy with democracy.

Marx and Engels ~~have~~ called themselves communists "since they wanted to replace

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the existing capitalist form of property by a different, collective form of social economy." According to them the most important fact of modern development was the industrial revolution of the 18th century. "According to Marx and

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Engels, the modern bourgeoisie has the task of removing the remains of feudal, agrarian and petty-bourgeois backwardness everywhere." But the Proletariat is produced as a natural consequence of bourgeois regime. "Marx and Engels

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Review of "Democracy and Socialism"
by Arthur Rosenberg - Translated from
the German by George Rosen - Printed
in Great Britain by Nimble &
Bradford, London, W.1.

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The author was formerly the professor of
history at the University of Berlin. His
treatise is his contribution to the Political
History of the last 150 yrs with special
reference to Democracy. He discusses the
evolution of modern Democracy and
Socialism - its progress and periodical
rise and fall during the last century
and a half in different states in the world.

This book looks
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Democracy in its original form was a
result of the failure of monarchies and
oligarchies to satisfy the people in a
state. Even Robespierre, the man of the
Terror, ~~was~~ the head of the bloody
dictatorial Govt of 1793" was identified
with Democracy in earlier days. "Brief
writer" --- Robespierreism is Democracy;
and both of these words are absolutely
identical." Half a century later Marx
and Engels published their Communist

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FROM

SECRET

To P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,

Calcutta.

Dated 3 July 1939.

Subject:—

My dear Finney,

In the Inward Foreign Mail of
24th June 1939 was intercepted a copy of "Labour
Monthly" Vol. 21, No. 6, dated June 1939, addressed to
Mr. P. S. Kuka, B.Sc., Electrical Engineer, P. 40, Raja
Basanta Roy Road, Extension, Calcutta.

Will you kindly let me have a report
on the addressee.

Yours sincerely,

*P. S. Kuka*NM/ML
3.7.39.

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Re: Thakur. Ref: C.L. 18 D/14.6.39 (Re: Communist Publication)

It has been ascertained from
the agent that the full name of ^{INDEXED.} Thakur
is ^{INDEXED.} Gouri Nilai Sen (ex-dubane) of ^{Ch.} Bakresal Sankar
math group. It is a member of C. P. D. He lives
in the house of S. N. Gupta (Gupta Nilaya or Nitya)
at 29, Lansdown Terrace.

Submitted.
Gopal Ch. Roy.
S.D. S.B.
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Bharate Tred Iuniyan Andolan (Trade Union Movement in India) a booklet by Dharani Goswami, purports to trace briefly the history of the development of the Trade Union Movement in India from 1890 down to 1937.

It is said that the movement was at the start a reaction against the exploitation and oppressions of capitalists and their supporters, the British Imperialism. The demand of the labourers for better remuneration and better treatment naturally led to a conflict of interests.

The Bombay Mill Hands' Association founded in 1890, may be termed the first Trade Union of India. Since then the movement has grown in importance and has drawn workers of other fields, within its fold. The labourers soon realised that by proper organisation they could acquire more and more power. At first mill hands were content merely to protest against an oppressive measure or practice or appeal to the owners for the removal of a grievance but in later years they began to offer resistance by strikes.

The capitalists have tried to crush it in various ways and have also tried occasionally to make use of it to further their own interests. But inspite of all opposition or clever moves to get round it, ~~or~~ it has been steadily progressing except for a temporary period after 1918 when its leadership fell for a time into the hands of the bourgeois class.

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Dear Sir,

Please refer to your memo. no. S.M. 514, dated the 21st June, 1939.

As desired, a short review of "Bharate - Trade Union Andolan" by Dharani Goswami is enclosed herewith.

The other book entitled "Communism" by Amulya Chandra Adhikari does not appear to have been received in this office. I would request you to let me have the name of the printer and the name and address of the press where the book was printed.

Yours sincerely,

A. K. Datta for PLA

Librarian, Bengal Library.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

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To

P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,

Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Special Branch,

Calcutta.

Dated 1 July 1939.

Subject:—

My dear Mr. Finney,

Reference your Memo No. 17970 C/
S.M. 514-39 dated 21.6.39. Will you please let me have
a review on the booklet "Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist
Programme" mentioned therein.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. M. S.
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MARX-BAD-LENIN (Marxism — Lenin) — By Purnendu Dastidar. Published by Burman Publishing House, 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta. Price annas six only.

Marxism is gaining ground to-day among the intellectuals of the world. Every politically minded intellectual is eager to know something about Marxism, which is being accepted to-day by a larger and larger section of the revolutionary elements as their guide to political action. The intellectual section of Bengal is no exception to that. But there is really a dearth of literature on Marxism in Bengali. The demand for such books in Bengali is growing every day specially when India is passing through a critical stage of the national movement.

The author of this book must be congratulated on his endeavour to translate the writings of Lenin, on Marxism. As Marxism deals with every aspect of social and human problem, it is not possible for anyone to understand Marxism thoroughly by reading only one book, but any authoritative book on the subject will certainly help one to understand the subject to some extent. In this respect the book will help the readers considerably.

It is really difficult to translate the writings of Lenin and this the translator himself confesses; but the author's language is lucid and easily understandable by all.

The book has been divided into 4 chapters. The first chapter deals with Philosophical Materialism, Dialectical Materialism, Materialistic Interpretation of History and Class Struggle.

The second chapter deals with Economic Principles of Marx, Price and Surplus Value. The third chapter deals with Socialism. The last chapter deals with the proletarian tactics of class struggle.

The book deals with how Karl Marx criticised the wrong approach of Hegelian dialectics, and the crude Materialism of the 19th century and the Bourgeois economic theory of value and established the theory of Dialectical Materialism. It is Marxism which has explained to the people the real causes of social changes, the fall of feudalism, the growth and development of capitalism and the common thing (Labour power) inherent in every commodity which makes it possible for its exchange with another commodity.

There is no doubt that the book will be of use to those who want to know about Marxism.

The printing and get-up are excellent.

—M. R.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

THE VILLAGE—By Dr. Mulk Raj Anand.

English people are reading Mulk Raj Anand's books. You in India can hardly imagine the colossal ignorance of most English people where India is concerned, in spite of the energy of missionaries, travellers and novelists.

English novelists cannot give us the real India from within, and not many Indians have been able to use the English language in a field enough way to win popular appreciation. Dr. Anand's style is varied and forceful; many moods of nature and of man are shared with his readers. He will certainly have a wide public, though like D. H. Lawrence whose inspiration he has often acknowledged, he penetrates beyond the physical and emotional reserves considered safe by the average Englishman.

As in "The Coolie" and "The Untouchable," "The Village" is mainly concerned with the reactions of an adolescent boy, emerging from family and tradition into individual life. The reader shares the boy's life from dawn to dusk, working and playing, excitedly happy, desperately humiliated. Humour and tragedy abound but emphasis is not laid on them—

NOTICE TO AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS

Arrangements have been made for reviewing books and periodicals by expert critics in these columns every Thursday. Publishers and authors intending to get their publications reviewed are requested to send two copies of each publication to the News Editor 'Hindustan Standard', 3C, Burman Street, Calcutta.

as in life, trivial circumstances contribute to the ups and downs of the boy's progress. Lalu has been to school, has enough intelligence to want to try things for himself. Boy-like he dares greatly, is frightened of the opposition which he calls up, yet dares again. He resents his father's hopeless prejudices, yet melts in tenderness at his sick-bed. Terrible is the clash of loyalties in the young lad. Common-sense, healthy aspiration, intelligence force him onwards, family and village opposition and oppression hold him back. On two occasions, when he has his hair cut, and when he breaks through convention by playing with one of the girls of the village, final tragedy nearly stems the boy's vitality. But he emerges, curiously enough to find his escape by enlisting in the Army.

There is no meaningless person introduced into this long narrative. Its many characters live; even the oxen have individuality. The scene between Mr. Hercules Long and Sungli, the ox who hoped to make his acquaintance, is perhaps the most humorous in the book.

We English may feel grateful to Dr. Anand for the kindly way he has treated us in his story. His English may pose as gods, may be ridiculous in certain situations, but they are not grafters. As such they have a part to play in the boy's development. He has reason to be grateful to them at a certain stage. There is no feeling of racial hatred here, but a shrewd eye to realise values. This is important to-day when nationalism may mean one of two things. It may mean, as with Herr Hitler, an ideal of supreme power which will trample on all of "inferior" race. It may mean an ideal of free independent development which will contribute something unique to civilisation. Anand's nationalism is of the last variety.

The story ends in 1914, as Lalu private soldier, is about to sail with his comrades to protect the British Empire against "fiendish Germany."

He is still an ignorant child, though brave and habit of independent promise interesting development. We want the next instalment.

Dr. Anand. Let us see you dealing with someone, law and unsophisticated, convictions on which he

—Freda Cook.

H. Standard

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Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated	Date of Despatch.

No. *Sm:514/39*, dated *8. 7. 39*

Enclosures.

Dear —

will you please let me know if the following books have come to your notice, if so, let me have a ^{copy of this} review.

(i). ^{INDEXED} "The Village" - by Dr. Mulk Raj Anand.

(ii). ^{INDEXED} "Marx Bad - Lenin" (Marxism - Lenin) - by Purnendu Dasgupta. Published by Burman Publishing House, 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

M.J.
H. H. 39.

Yours etc.,

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To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
4. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Orissa, Cuttack.
5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D., Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
10. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. Punjab.
11. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Sind, Karachi.
12. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. U.P. Lucknow.
13. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Bombay.
14. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Calcutta.

Copy forwarded, for information, to:-

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4. Secy. to the Resident, Baroda & Gujarat States, Baroda.
5. Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Central India, Criminal Branch, Indore.
6. Asst. to the Resident, Kashmir.
7. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident, Mysore, Bangalore.
8. I.G. of Police, Ajmer-Merwara and Police Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Rajputana.
9. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Ceylon, Colombo.
10. D.I.G. of Police, Western India & Gujarat States, Rajkot.
11. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident in the States of Western India, Rajkot.
12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Mily. Police & District Supdt. of Police, Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

H. Bentley
Assistant Director (R).

M.S.

22.3.39.

5/14/39
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No.13/Int/39.

Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,
Government of India.

Simla, dated the 4-JUL-1939

Circular Memorandum.

1. The marginally noted book has come to notice.

"THE NEW PROPAGANDA"
BY AMBER BLANCO WHITE
published by M/S Victor
Gollancz Ltd., London
(also as Left Book Club
edition).

2. The book is considered
harmless and copies seen in
the post may be passed for
delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information
being published in Secret Abstracts.

V. Basler.
Assistant Director (R).

To:-

Memo No. Div. I.B.-c dated 8.7.39.
Enc: 574/39

60 copies.

Copy forwarded to the Asstt. Collector
and Supdt. Preventive Service, Customs,
Calcutta, for information, and necessary
action.

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Copy sent to Secy. I.P. Secy
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For DC. I.B.
8/7/39

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To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
4. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Orissa, Cuttack.
5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D., Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
10. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. Punjab.
11. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Sind, Karachi.
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14. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Calcutta.

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12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Milv. Police & District Supdt. of Police, Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

H. Bentley
Assistant Director (R).

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NO. 1/Inter/39-VI
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),
Government of India,
SIMLA, dated the JUL 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

INDEXED
The marginally noted book has come to notice.

"COOPERATION IN THE U.S.S.R.:
A study of the Consumers
Movement" by
Leslie A. Paul; published
by M/s Victor Gollancz Ltd.,
London.

2. The book is
considered harmless and
copies seen in the post
may be passed for
delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information
being published in Secret Abstracts.

V. B. Baskin
Assistant Director (R).

To:-

M.T.
4.7.39.

Memo no. Dir. I.B.-564 - c Dated 11.7.39.
Sme-574/39

Copy forwarded to the Supdt. Preventive Service
and Asstt. Collector, Customs, Calcutta, for information
and necessary action.

Copy circulated to
all for necessary
action.

11.7.39.

For Dy. Commr. of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.
11.7.39.

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Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.
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S. E.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

of D. D. Calcutta, dated _____ 19
S. E.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>There is a post order - viz - post order - No 1270 P.S. of 2-6-38 - for interception of correspondence of the said Gokuldev Behari of P319-2C Southern Avenue. This man lives actually in a suit in the 2nd floor of P319-3 - Southern Avenue. - at the door of which, he has got a letter box with his name inscribed on it.</p> <p>This suit - remains closed most of the time during the day, as the occupant - remains out on business. No further particulars is available by secret enquiry.</p>	

By Mr. [Signature]
[Signature]
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Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D. S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

D. D. Calcutta, dated

Date

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D. D.

S. B.

Case No: 20322 - C of

S. M. 514/39

Copy forwarded to S.S. III I.B. with reference to his no 7985/61-39/10. dated 3.7.39.

Date and hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

File S. M. 5-14-39.

Reg - P S Kuka DSC

Technical Engineer - he
P40 Raja Basanta Ray Red. copy

Secret Engineer was made
which reveals that - an K.S.
Kuka DSC. Technical Engineer
lived in a suite at P40
Raja Basanta Ray Red. in
January last and that he
left for No P319/3
Southern Avenue - by the
end of January 1939.

Further inquiry discloses
that - K.S. Kuka is occupying
a suite in the 2nd floor of
P319/3 Southern Avenue - along
with an - Bahadur Red. -
It may be mentioned that -

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OFFICE OF...the Dy. Insp.-Genl. of Police.

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No. 8407
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FROM

To

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., C.B.E., I.P.
Dy Commr. of Police,
S.B. Calcutta.

Dated 12 July 1939.

Subject:—

Dear Mr. Finney,

(1) Four copies of "World News and Views", Vol. 19, Nos. 28 to 31, dated 20 & 27-5-39 and 3 & 10-6-39 and (2) one copy of "Labour Monthly", Vol. 21, No. 6, dated June 1939 were intercepted at the G.P.O., Calcutta, in the Inward Foreign Mail on 1st July 1939.

They were addressed to Dwarka Pershad, c/o Bisseswar Lal Banwari Lal, 4 Jag Mohan Mallik Lane, Calcutta, and Banwari Lal, 48 Cross Street, Calcutta, respectively and have been detained u/s 19 Sea Customs Act.

Will you kindly let me have a report on the addressees please?

Yours sincerely,

PKB/N 11/7

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BENGAL LIBRARY.

WRITERS' BUILDINGS.

Calcutta, dated the 14th July 1939.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your Memo. no. S.M. 514/39, dated the 8th July, 1939.

No book entitled "The Village" by Dr. Mulk Raj Anand appears to have been received in this office. Could you please let me have the name of the printer and the name and address of the press where the book was printed?

As regards, "Marx Bad - Lenin" by Purnendu Dastidar, it purports to be a Bengali version of a book by Lenin entitled "Marxism". It contains quotations from the writings of Karl Marx together with Lenin's comments thereon seeking to elucidate Marx's philosophy, economic theories, etc. The book was duly examined but nothing of an objectionable nature was found in it.

Yours sincerely,

A. K. Datta Gupta

Librarian, Bengal Library.

Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
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13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Mily. Police & District Supdt. of Police, Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

H. Bentley
Assistant Director (R).

M.S.

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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, HOME DEPARTMENT

Government of India,

Simla, dated the 15 JUL 1939

Circular Memorandum

The marginally noted book has come to notice.

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"WHAT IS MARXISM?" by Emile Burns,
published by Victor Gollancz Ltd.,
London (1939)

2. The book
is covered by the
General Communist

Notification and is objectionable. Copies seen in
the Post should be withheld from delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above informa-
tion being published in Secret Abstracts.

V. T. Basley
Assistant Director (R).

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No. Su. I. B.-621.c dated 18.7.39.
S.M.-514/39

Copy forwarded to the Asst. Collector and
Supdt. Preventive Service, Customs, Calcutta, for
information and necessary action.

Sd/- K. H. R.

For DC. S.B. Cal.

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all L.Os.

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

A. Nalin Mohan Roy

D. D.
S. B.

Calcutta, dated

15. 7. 1939.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
15-7-39 6 PM.	<p>Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O. a Packet from Victor Gallanetz Ltd, 14 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2, to Messrs U. N. Dhar & Co of 15 College Square, Calcutta. Containing Containing the following books :-</p> <p>(1) Two Copies of "<u>The Position of Women in the U.S.S.R.</u>" by G. N. Serebrennikov.</p> <p>(2) Two Copies of "<u>Soviet Democracy</u>" by Pat Sloan.</p> <p>(3) One Copy of "<u>Forward from Liberalism</u>" by Stephen Shender.</p> <p>The Packet is submitted herewith for favour of Perusal.</p> <p>Submitted Nalin Roy A. S. B. 15/7/39.</p>	

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 15th of July 1939 at 6 PM.

From Victor Gollancz Ltd 14 Henrietta St
London W.C.2.

To H/S H N Dhar Jca 15 College Sq
Calcutta.

Language of letter ^{Book} English

Post office of interception ^{Post Office}

Date of letter ^X

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has
been photographed Nalini Roy

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Whether withheld or delivered

If delivered, whether copy kept or not

Interception authorised vide Government Order No. 727 P.S. 7 11-3-39

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Deliver the packet?

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

As Valmiki Mohan Roy.

of D. D. Calcutta, dated 15. 7. 1939.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
15-7-39 6 PM.	<p>Intercepted at Howrah P.O., a Packet from Victor Gallanzy Ltd, 14 Henrietta Street, London W.C.2., to Messrs R. N. Dhur & Co of 15 College Square, Calcutta, containing the following books:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Three Copies of "Soviet Policy and its Critics" by J. R. Campbell. (2) One Copy of "Why we are losing the - battle" by R. Lillians. (3) One Copy of "The Military Strength of the Powers" by Max Werner. 	
1879	<p>The Packet is submitted herewith for favour of Release.</p> <p>(1) The packet containing the book & other books was submitted by gen. Com. number 12420 II</p>	<p>Submitted.</p> <p>Valmiki Roy D. D. 15/7/39</p>

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

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the 15th of July 1939 at 6 PM.

From Victor Gollancz Ltd 14 Henrietta St.
London W.C.2.

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Calcutta

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Post office of interception Brabourne

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Books sent to H.A. to
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AOB a draft submitted for
approval. 18/7/39

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D. D. S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

of D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated

19

Date and hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

Dwar K. Bhatia & Banwar Lal

S.M. 514/39.

Confidential enquiry made

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could not be traced there

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enquiry at 48 Cross St -

Banwar Lal aged 21, married

S/o Khetidas, Manager of

the firm Hukim Chand Sarup Rai

Choti Merchants of 48 Cross

St. They are natives of

Jaipur State

S. Bhatia

Bireswar Lal Banwar Lal
19/7.Memo no: 24518 dt-22-7-39
S.M. 514/39Copy forwarded to
S.S. II S.B. for information
with reference to his
no. 8467/65-39 dt. dated
12-7-39.

S.O. K. H.R.

for S.O. C.B.
12/7/39.

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Spare Copies.	<i>Att: Dir: (P).</i>	Department.
		Branch.
		Collection No.
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		Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated	Date of Despatch.

No. 22093, dated 25.11.39.

S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear .

In the inward Foreign mail of the 15th July 1939, a packet containing the following publications of Messrs. Victor Gollancz Ltd, London, addressed to Messrs U. N. Dhar & Co., 15 College Square, Calcutta, was intercepted at the Bow Bazar P.O.

*Noted in W.R.
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*intercepted all under
Section 26 (1) Post Office Act.
Act. of Section 19 Sea Customs Act.*

Section 168 Sea Customs Act.

ACJP—A 517—1938-39—17,80,000

1. "Soviet Policy and its Critics" 3 copies
by J.R. Campbell.

2. "Why we are losing the Peace" 1 copy
by Kellias

3. "Military Strength of the Powers" 1 copy
by Max Werner

Of these, I have withheld No. as it

P.T.O.

falls within the scope of the
General Communist Notification,
and the rest up to 168 of the
Sea Customs Act.

(9) ~~the~~ Yours etc.,
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↓ DC. S.B.,

He
20/7/39

Memo no: 22093 - c ~~dated~~ 20. 7. 39.
S.M. 514/39

Copy forwarded to I.S. III S.B.,
for information.

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↓ DC. S.B.,

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No. 22/83, dated 21. 7. 39.

Enclosures.

Sn: 514/39.

Dear -

with reference to your no. 442/6-39. dated 17.7.39, I write to inform you, that name of the printer and the name and address of the press from where the book entitled "The village" was printed, is not known to us. Probably the book was not published from Bengal.

Yours etc.,

K.A. 19.7

L.D.C. S.B.,

19/7.

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Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.
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D. D.
S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

of D. D.
S. B. Calcutta, dated

20/7

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Date and
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

Re- The book entitled
INDEXED
"Communism" vide -
S. M. 514/39

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The Bengalee book
 Communism by Ananya
 Chandra Adhikary
 has been printed by
 Rajendra Lal Sarma
 at the Kalyani Press
 39/1, Sibsagar Road
 Calcutta and published
 by Atul Kumar
 Dutta of 18 B Projo
 Nalla Batta Lane.
 S. D. Pr. (Kandian)
 purchased a copy for
 the publisher's place.
 Gurman Publishing
 of 72 Harrison Road Hills Road, Calcutta

For orders see File No. 73840 NS. - page 1.

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Confidential

To issue today.
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MARXISM

MARXISM IS DEAD: By Brij Narain, Professor of Economics, Sanatana Dharma College, Lahore. Published by Rama Krishna & Sons, Lahore. Pages 265, price Rs. 3/8, Foreign 5s. 6d.

This book as the name indicates, has been written in defiance of Marxism and the policy that up holds 'that the economic regeneration of India will be brought about by 'gur', 'charka' and 'khaddar', and that charka and the technique of 'fasting unto death' may be trusted to defend India against foreign aggression.'

In order to show that a socialist must not necessarily be a Marxist the author has examined Marx's own contribution to socialism in the first four chapters of the present volume. All his attempt concentrates upon the fact 'that even if Marxism were totally rejected socialism would still remain. Therefore the author has begun with A Fore-Runner of Marx: Saint Amand Bazard. This chapter is an exposition of the system of Bazard whose 'teaching was different from that of his master in an important respect. St. Simon favoured a wide diffusion of property among the masses, while Bazard advocated socialisation of all instruments of production.'

Having gone through Quantity and quality and Negation of the Negation Professor Brijnarain has devoted quite a bulky chapter on 'scientific' utopia. 'There are' he writes, 'two main utopian elements in scientific socialism, (i) abolition of the rule of violence and enthronement of non-violence as the governing principle in human relations, and (ii) abolition of nationality and the establishment of a world state or system for the realization of the aims of communism.'

If human existence started with violence and confusion then these brutish conditions were negated by the emergence of order and peace. Negation of the negation is the next condition; and this of necessity would mean reversion to the original state of war. But that cannot be asserts the Professor. 'It is obvious' he says, 'that we started with a wrong premiss, the original condition of man was not that of war but peace. Life then was not 'nasty, brutish, short', but idyllic—a state of long uninterrupted bliss. In short, we begin with Satyayuga and Ramraj.'

'Satyayuga was negated by Kaliyuga, or non-violence begets its own negation, Kaliyuga will be negated by a form of Satyayuga which will be a thousand times more happy and more peaceful than the Satyayuga of tradition.'

In view of the above conception of a non-violent society through negation of the negation the author doubts if Mahatma Gandhi has ever heard of negation of the negation. His utopia is, according to him, unscientific. This has been rather elaborately discussed in the pages under review, and a difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Lenin has been drawn. 'According to Lenin, non-violence will prevail when socialism develops into communism—not before. In fact, the whole process of uprooting the old order and building the new in Russia has been marked by extreme violence. Mahatma Gandhi imagines that since the Congressmen have assumed the responsibilities of office, the stage has already been reached when the police and the military can be dispensed with! The communist trusts that human nature will be transformed by socialism, so that as society progress towards the communist ideal, violence will wither away. According to communist ideal, then, there is no question of a sudden transition from the first to the second phase of socialism, or from socialism to communism, or from violence to non-violence. According to Mahatma Gandhi, first, the transition is sudden, or of the shortest possible duration, and second, it is not dependent on the transformation of human nature through economic changes. * * * *

* * * *. In formulating his conception of the society of the future, the communist seeks the aid of logic, of dialectical materialism, not Divine inspiration.'

As to the possibility of the removal of inequality the author holds the opinion as does a communist that it depends on free utilization of the resources of society which latter cannot be possible unless there is a superabundance of goods. But this 'superabundance is an unrealizable dream.'

On the basis of various statistics Professor Brijnarain has prepared chapter V of his book, which deals with the position of Marxism in Russia, under the title 'Russia: The Grave Digger of Marxism'. The beginning sentence of the chapter is:—'It must be admitted that Marxism, interpreted as internationalism, is dead'. And a comparative presentation of the views of Stalin and those of Comrade Yvon is bespeaking. But one may be inclined, as the author presumes, 'to dismiss Comrade Yvon as a fascist in the guise of a communist, or as an agent of the bourgeoisie, or lackey of capital, or a liar, but for the fact that his contention that classes and the class-struggle exist in the Soviet Union, despite state ownership of the means of production, is well-founded.'

The concluding chapter of the book depicts in a clear cut way the ideas of its authors on Marxism having a direct bearing on 'Indian Socialism'. 'Marxism', he concludes, 'is socialism of the Industrial proletariat. It has little application to India; we have no industrial proletariat worth speaking of. Such proletariat as we possess is of little use for winning independence. It is absolutely and utterly inconceivable that our industrial proletariat, forming about 1 per cent of the population, will rout British imperialism, and establish its dictatorship.'

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'India must use the driving force of nationalism, based on class-unit both for winning independence and maintaining it.'

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him!' but I could still imagine that
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the Forty Thieves. To me those
characters were real, so were giants
and brownies and fairy godmothers.
The child to-day seems to fear the
dark, not the actual darkness but the
things he imagines he sees in it.

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have is the fear that we shall lose
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Asst: Dir (R)

EXPRESS LETTER.

The undersigned will be glad to know whether the following ~~publication has~~ come to the notice of the publications have Intelligence Bureau and, if so, whether ~~it comes~~ within they come the scope of the General Communist Notification. Does a review of ~~its~~ contents suggest that action is possible or their desirable under any other law? The ~~publication is~~ being publications are detained pending receipt of a reply to this letter.

FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Printer</u>
1.	<u>Profits & Politics</u>	- By R. D. Chagnas A. H. Ewen	Victor Gollancz Ltd.	Camelot Press Ltd London & Southampton.
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FROM

The Assistant Director (R), Intelligence Bureau,
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TO

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

No. 3/Int/39-II. Simla, Dated the 25th July, 1939.

Reference your Express Letter No. S.M.514/39 dated
20.7.1939.

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J. N. Barley, 25.7.39.
Assistant Director (R).

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J. N. Barley to
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24.7.39.

418. Communist Publication.

A Bengali pamphlet entitled "Samajtantrabader Jai" (Victory of Socialism), which contains translations by Brojo Behari Burman (E.D.), of a letter from Ivanov to Joseph Stalin, and Stalin's reply thereto, printed by Kishori Mohan Mandal in the Naba-Gouranga Press, 104 Amherst Street, and published by the Burman Publishing House at 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta, is said to be in the possession of Atul Roy (C.P.I.). Ivanov in his letter states, that the victory of Socialism was only possible by basing it on international connections. On this he was attacked as a Trotskyite. The matter was referred to Stalin. He dwelt on the different aspects

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He dwelt on the different aspects of Socialism, which showed that Ivanov was right in his contention.

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26/7/39

To

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.

Dy Commr. of Police,

S.B. Calcutta.

Dated 26 July 1939.

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Subject:—

Dear Mr. Finney,

Reference your Memo No. 20965 dated 13.7.39.
S.M. 514/39

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Yours sincerely,

FB/N 25/7

P. B. Finney
26/7

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No. *23451-C*, dated *7-8-39*.
S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

In continuation of my no. *17970-C* dated *21.6.39* I send herewith *S.M. 514/39* a review of the booklet "Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist Programme" prepared by one of my officers.

Yours etc.,

K. C.

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
P18	"The Congress Ministries under able and patriotic guidance of Patel and other members of the Parliamentary Board are strengthening the state machine of Britain in India by adding to its legal arsenal fresh weapons of repression such as Trade Disputes Act, etc."	
P20	"These leaders, Socialists, Communists, Left Trade Unionists, are preparing and training the workers through a series of partial, sectional and local strike actions, for country wide proletarian mass action to give a blow to the Federation and thereby to Imperialism, the common national enemy of all Indian people, and will be a formidable proletarian part of the counter-offensive of the Indian people against the offensive of the British Ruler. They lay bare before the working people the truth of class violence of the exploiters and their state (the armed forces of the state, its police and military going to the aid of the Capitalists and Zemindars to crush the struggle of the masses for bread and freedom) and prepare them to defend themselves against the bloody acts of the exploiters."	
P27.	"His (Gandhi's) victories can be based on fasts, passive resistance, moral appeals etc. Never, never, on the use of force, either in the form of the revolutionary insurrectionary violence of the enslaved people wishing to be free of the violence of the State (activities of police, military etc.)" - thus the author supports violence.	
P30-31.	"A Truth which always seeks compromise with the 'Satanic British Government'. The booklet is objectionable and inflammatory."	[Signature] 4.7.39

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>Ministry for its work. This is the fact that the Imperialist enemy who has enslaved us and the overthrow of whose power is the aim of our national independence struggle, endorses with satisfaction the actions of the Bombay Congress Ministry, is most devastating proof of the anti-national character of the activity of the Ministry.</p>	
P. 9	<p>"The Congress Ministry is using the repressive machinery of the Imperialist State to suppress the mass struggle of the people."</p>	
P. 10	<p>"Instead of fighting to expand democratic liberties of the people by repealing some of the most oppressive laws, the Congress Ministry diminishes people's liberties by forging further weapon of suppression in the form of the Trade Disputes Act, thereby strengthening the coercive apparatus of the British Rule in India, its State and making more difficult its overthrow."</p>	
P. 11	<p>"You do not utter one word against the atrocities committed against the people by the Congress Ministers who have trampled upon the Congress Election Manifesto and who instead of wrecking the coercive State apparatus of British domination, are actually using this apparatus - its police, prisons, armed forces - to suppress the mass struggle of the people for democracy, freedom and bread."</p>	

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
P. 4	The author writes " your (Gandhi's) wrath burst out like a flame against the brave Kisan Leaders who have been organizing the Kisans to face the Zamindars, the reactionary allies of the British Government, manfully and resist their oppression and exploitation."	
P. 6	" don't you (Gandhi) feel that Rajaji has not only broken the vow of the Congress but has also justified one of the most violent laws ever passed by the British Government and used it against the Indian people?"	
P. 7	" If by truth we mean conformity of word and deed, if by non-violence we mean the cessation of the operations of the laws made by British Imperialism to suppress and oppress the Indian people, even a plain eye can see that the Congress Ministry in Bombay has violated its words given to the people during the election and has used the violent apparatus of the Imperialist State against the men struggle of the people in general and workers in particular in defense of the interests of the minority of capitalists, landlords and shamkars."	
Pp. 8-9	" Is the Congress Ministry an instrument of British Imperialism to suppress all anti-imperialist manifestations or a weapon of the Congress to fight imperialism? It is no wonder that the British Imperialists express their utmost satisfaction at the way in which the Congress Ministry is administering the Province. It is no wonder that British Statesmen including Viceroy Linlithgow, imperialist associations and publicists (Times of India etc) have lavishly praised the Congress	

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Re: Introduction report attached -
review of an English booklet entitled
"Gandhi's truth and non-violence X-rayed"
by Akshayakumar R. Desai

This booklet is published in June 1939, by the author, Akshayakumar Ramantlal Desai from Varanasi House, 14th Road, Khar, Bombay and printed by B. Subbarao, at the New Times Printing, Jamna Wivas, 2nd Chhatwadi, Girgaum, Bombay 4.

This is said to be an open letter to Mahatma Gandhi from Akshayakumar R. Desai which contains the strongest possible denunciation of Mahatma Gandhi and his political ideology of truth and non-violence. The booklet also contains the bitterest castigation of the Congress Ministries. The author says that Gandhi and his followers, though they acclaim themselves as the champions of truth and non-violence, have persistently failed in the true practice of that creed. They have supported the violence of the vested interests, the landlords, the Zemindars and the Imperialist State machinery comprising its police and military forces, on the oppressed and exploited masses of India. The booklet contains attack on the Government and indirectly supports violence as evidenced by the following excerpts

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O., a packet containing a booklet entitled "Gandhi's Truth and Non-violence Exposed" by Akshaya- Kumar R. Sengupta, Varnia House, 114 P.D. Khar, Bombay - addressed to: - Muzaffer Ahmed 77 Anantaramjan Avenue, Room no 39, Calcutta and bearing postalseal of Bombay 910. Dated 30/6/38 - 4.30 Pm.</p>	<p>Sub- B 2/7</p>

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by Akshayakumar R. Desai,
Varma House, 144 RD. Khar, Bombay

— addressed to: —

The Secy. Bengal Congress
Socialist Party—
249/8 Bowbazar St. Cal.

and bearing postal seal of Bombay, 9/10,
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From

"Gandhi's Truth & Non-violence X-rayed" by
Akshay Kumar R. Desai, of Varma House
144-145, Rd. Khar, Bombay.

To

Muzaffar Ahmed, 77 Chittaranjan Avenue
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No. *20711* - C, dated *12. 7. 39.*

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Dear.

In the inland mail of July 2nd, two packets each containing a booklet entitled "Gandhi's Truth and Non-Violence Explained", (published by Akshaya Kumar Ramantlal Desai, Varma House, 14 th Road, Charni Bazaar, Bombay and available at the Hindustan Newspapers Ltd., 21, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay), addressed to the Bengal Provincial Congress Socialist Party, 249/D, Bow Bazar Street and Khuzaffar Ahmed, 47 Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta, were intercepted at the Bow Bazar P.O. Both the booklets have been withheld as the contents appear objectionable and inflammatory.

Will you kindly furnish me with the full particulars of Akshaya Desai referred to above, at an early date.

Yours etc.,

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J.C. S.B.

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A short note on Akshayakumar Ramanlal Desai.

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Akshayakumar Ramanlal Desai is a Nagar Brahmin, aged about 24 years. He hails from Nadiad. His father Ramanlal V. Desai is a Naib Suba in Petlad, Baroda State. After passing his Matriculation examination in 1931 from the Baroda Centre, A.R. Desai studied in the M.T.B. Arts College, Surat, whence he passed his Intermediate Arts Examination in 1934. He graduated from the Elphinstone College in 1937 with History and Economics and is at present studying law. He resides at Varma House, 14th Road, Khar, Bombay Suburban District.

He is the author of "Indian Feudal States and National Liberation Struggle" (published in October 1938) and "Gandhi's Truth and Non-Violence X-Rayed" (published in June 1939).

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No. 4444-H/3689.,

Head Police Office,
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My dear Finney,

Please see your Confidential D. O.
letter No. 20711-C/S, dated the 12th July 1939.

I forward herewith a short note on
^{INDEXED!}
Akshayakumar Ramanlal Desai who has not come to
any
notice in Bombay for objectionable activity.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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to our papers below.

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P. E. S. Finney, Esquire, O.B.E., I.P.,

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no 407
Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Special Branch, Calcutta.

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Sir,
Duly served.
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No. 1689.....P. S.

FROM.....W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,.....

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

...Bowbazar.....Post Office,....Calcutta.....District.

Calcutta ~~the~~ the.....July.....1939.

SIR,

dated the 11th March 1939 and

In continuation of this office letter No. 727 P.S.,/ in ~~the~~ exercise of the power conferred by section 26 (1) of the Indian

Post Office Act, 1898, the Governor is pleased to direct the interception of all ~~postal/foreign~~ postal articles which may be discovered in the course of transmission by post addressed to Messrs. U. N. Dhar and Company,15, College Square, Calcutta.....

I am to ask you to be good enough to forward or hand over all intercepted articles to ~~the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Intelligence Branch, C.I.D., Bengal,~~ the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, or to an officer deputed by him.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- W.H.S. Smith,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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Review of the book in Gurmukhi
entitled "Imperialism" Publishers
the manager Kirti Dehar. 202 pages.

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This book is found to be a
translation of the original work
by Lenin. An English ~~translation~~ ^{edition}
of this book has already been
noticed & withheld in interception.

In this book the ~~author~~ ^{author} writer
attacks imperialism. He says that
imperialism is based on capitalism
on a large scale. The Govt is
controlled by merchants, bankers
& businessmen very much to their
advantage. Bank rates are
adjusted & the prices of articles
in the market - are controlled
& manipulated with a view
to bringing profits - to the
businessmen. He also gives
statistical account of the
trade carried on by England,
France, Germany & other
countries & shows that - in all
these imperialist countries, the

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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),

Government of India,

Simla, dated the 4th August 1939.

My dear Rai Bahadur,

I return the copy of "LABOUR: The Workers Magazine" enclosed with your letter No. 9306/65-39/Int, dated 27-7-1939.

2. This periodical, which is the official organ of the British Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party, does not come within the scope of the General Communist Notification, or any other notification under the Sea Customs Act.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- V.T. Bayley,

Rai Prafulla Biswas Bahadur,
Spl, Supdt. of Police, I.B., Bengal,
Calcutta.

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✓ Copy for information to:-

P.E.S. Finney, Esqr., O.B.E., I.P., Deputy Commissioner
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	<p>So as to minimise the danger of commercial exploitation of workers on holiday in can be. We did not embark upon such an enterprise.</p> <p>Page 8 informs ^{about} the opening of the Fabian Summer School in August 1939 for the members primarily of the Fabian Society. The subjects on the agenda are Empire and colonial questions, problems of planning, democracy and the Social Services, International affairs.</p> <p>These are in brief the contents of the bulletin under review. In view of the fact that international movement is sponsored by Soviet Union for the solution of the political and economic problems of the peoples of the world, to wit, the Socialist movement of the Soviet Union, has been bolstered up and supported, this bulletin should not be made accessible to the Bengal Labour Party as being the food for its ^{subversive} propaganda. Hence, I think, the bulletin should be withheld.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. D. 4/8/39.</p>	

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	<p>peace-making nations. He thought very greatly of the need of Russia's help in organizing the life of the world for peace, for disarmament, and for improvement of the social and industrial standards in all countries, by measures of international cooperation. He organized movement of the I.L.O. repeatedly emphasized the necessity of dealing constructively with the problem of colonial territory, access to raw materials and open markets and also urged for the observance of the principles of equality and economic opportunity in the solution of this colonial problem. This solution was possible when the raw material resources should be utilized exclusively for the purposes and usage of peace. He denounced fascism as a disease eating into the vitals of the civilized society and warned Europe against this mortal danger to her very being. The Peace-Front must be determined to resist aggression.</p> <p>Page 4 reveals the activities of the M.C. such as the establishment of the Ruskin College for educating people in principles of trade unionism and the tactics of building up a united and inter-connected trade union movement of a national as well as international character.</p> <p>Page 6 reveals the plan evolved by the M.C. to prevent exploitation by organizing a joint Trades Union Congress - Workers' Travel Association holding company and by popularizing among workers the holiday resorts at cheap rates.</p>	

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and Orders.

Refce: N/24008 of 31.7.39 - a packet to
Secretary, Bengal Labor Party.

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"Industrial News" No. 568 of 11.7.39 of the Trade
Union Congress reports the speech delivered by
Sir Walter Citrine while presiding over the
Bicennial Congress of the International Federation
of Trade Unions in Zurich, Switzerland in July 1939.
Pointing to the defeat of the Republican Spain
against the heavy odds of the rebel forces supplemented
by their fascist enemies, the heads of both the
totalitarian States, Sir Walter said that the
trend of European history should have changed
if the democratic powers had rushed to the
succour of Republican Spain. He urged that
in China and other countries in which democracy
might have been jeopardised, the principles on
which the people's emancipating movement was
based should not be surrendered through capitulation
but instead, a resolute resistance should be
offered through widespread organization of workers
on the basis of their political and economic struggle.
He strongly condemned the Nazi and fascist
dictatorships of Germany and Italy and urged
that a strong peace front should be set up
against them. He emphasised upon the collaboration
and cooperation of the Soviet Republics in
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No. ²⁴⁸⁷³~~24008~~ -C, dated 10. 8. 39.

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En. 5/4/39.

Dear -

In the inward Foreign mail of the 30/7/39, a cover contg. a copy of the ^{INDEXED.} Industrial News No. 568 dated 11/7/39, issued by the Trade Union Congress, Publicity Department, Smith Square, London S.W. 1, addressed to the Secretary, Bengal Labour Party, 27B, Gangadhar Bahu Lane, Calcutta, was intercepted, at the Bow Bazar Post office.

The cover with its contents was withheld

B 9/8/39 up 26(1) of the Post office Act.

Yours etc.,

for 2/8
J.C. S.B.

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The authors conclude with the remark that the privileged position of Britain in world economy is not likely to endure long; British export advantages must soon be curtailed due to the heavy discount of the £ to the dollar; competition for export markets will be resumed on equal terms between Great Britain, the United States & Germany; the steady increase of Japanese exports will entail further losses; armament construction can not continue without interruption ... "Major problems of India, Egypt, Palestine, resurgent Turkey, armed with French (and Russian) equipment threatens the Near East; while at home a definite & untimely revival of Socialist feeling may, in the not too distant future, provoke in the city of London a marked 'lack of confidence', with incalculable consequences upon the economic structure of the country."

The book is not objectionable enough to warrant its being withheld.

Nurainan Mookuzi
Insp. S.B.

11.8.39

Referring to the growth of Indian nationalist demand for self-govt. and the grant of the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms, the authors state ... "The Indian commercial classes have been only partly mollified by tariff legislation designed to protect native industry, particularly cotton & shipping, at the expense of the mother-country: and their difficulties & dissatisfactions are being aggravated at present by the growth of Communist propaganda among the working-population, & still more by the penetration of Japanese industry ... The fear that Britain may lose India, though commonly expressed in a form which quadruples the chances of complete loss, explains itself."

p. 258

Elsewhere it is stated that the powerful position of the British armament industry & its key importance in the British economic structure explains the lack of genuine enthusiasm for disarmament displayed by the National Govt....

"if hostilities break out on the Continent, it is perhaps inevitable that the British armament-industry should be anxious to have the opportunity of supplying Germany. Hence the vigorous campaign of propaganda against the Locarno Pact."

p. 287.

own political destinies once it has gained control of its own economic assets."

p. 220

Referring to the Allied armed intervention, it says — "... It was in order to obtain ~~their~~ recognition of their economic rights in Russia rather than to restore Tsarism that the allies spent their millions in support of Kolchak, Denikin, Wrangel, Yudenich and the rest... But almost any Russian govt that was prepared to re-establish the claims of foreign bondholders and property-owners would have served the immediate ends of the interventionist countries — or at any rate of France & Britain..." "... it was

p. 224

British imperialism which constituted the chief obstacle to proletarian upheaval in the East generally, & that a revolutionary movement in China would have wide repercussions on British prestige in Asia and particularly in India, that it would be possible for the Comintern to wage a ~~successful~~ simultaneous campaign of propaganda. Finally there was a degree of community of ^{economic} interest between China & Russia, and an influential section of the Chinese mercantile class genuinely desirous to avail itself of Russian assistance in order to combat foreign domination."

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The following extracts serve to illustrate the authors' inclination & feeling towards the Soviet:

p. 82

... "The common parlance of France & the dependence on Skoda and on the sanctity of the Peace Treaties has naturally tended to weld the three countries of the Little Entente into a political unit...." The latest develop-

p. 84

ment in the international relations of the Little Entente - the joint conclusion of a pact of non-aggression with Soviet Russia - is a notable step, it may be remarked, towards stabilizing the East European frontier question."

p. 164

... "The U.S. programme of intensive naval construction apart - and this, although primarily designed to give employment, has its bearing on British as well as on Japanese interests in the Pacific - the American desire to curb Japanese aggression, particularly in China, would seem to indicate an early recognition of Soviet Russia."

p. 215

Speaking on the growth of national sentiment in China, it says - "... If the jealousies of the foreign powers prevented any effective intervention, a united Red China, cut off from the contact with the outer world, - except for the Soviet Union - may, like Red Russia, attempt to work out its

plainly enough the extent of Japanese influence in their attempted organization of the Asiatic world."

In regard to Russia the authors observe that in theory, Bolshevism has been a "fundamental challenge to capitalist nations", although in practice, "Bolshevik Russia has not greatly modified the process of Capitalism in Europe or Asia". Soviet foreign policy has been, according to them, been simplified by the consistency of communist dictatorship and by the absence of such entanglements as foreign investments and concessions. More than any other country, Soviet Russia has been guided by purely political (i.e. intellectual & philosophical) considerations than by economic interests.

p. 235

"As the internal economic situation becomes more stabilized, Soviet international credit will steadily improve and Soviet political influence may ~~again~~ ^{will} become once again a decisive factor in world politics." While it is impossible to prophesy when the Kremlin will resume the leadership of world revolution, a more "revolutionary & internationally minded left wing of the Communist Party" is held to be galvanizing.

and anti-British propaganda,
speaking of Japan's future, the authors state -

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... The most notable development in Japanese policy during the last few years has been the vigorous enunciation of the so-called, ^{Asiatic} Monroe Doctrine - Asia for the Asiatics - with Japan as the protector & leader of all Asiatic races.

p. 190-191

... Pursued to its logical conclusion, therefore, Japanese economic nationalism, of which the Asiatic Monroe Doctrine is the political expression, would imply the seizure of the Dutch East Indies, a valuable source of petroleum & rubber; of Australia, the chief source of wool; and of Malaya with its tin, rubber & iron ore. As markets, China & India would be essential, and penetration into Iraq & East Africa, has indeed already begun... Further, world depression has caused considerable unrest among the native population of all these countries, & Japan is very skilfully exploiting the opportunity of stirring up hatred against the white nations. An intensive campaign against Britain as the disturber of world peace (through her anti-Japanese tariff legislation) has raged throughout Japan last year; Indian Nationalists find a ready asylum in Japan; while the significant abstention of Siam from the adoption by the Assembly of the League of the findings of the Lytton Report reveals

p. 191

rallying popular sentiment behind the demand for
 rearmament.... Patriotic self-assertion and a
 somewhat misty nationalist idealism, with a
 veiled admixture of anti-semitism and an
 attack on usury & large-scale combines, proved
 the most effective programme for the middle-class
 subscriber: denunciations of Marxism and diatribes
 against class-war tickled the palate of the
 big industrialist."

to fifty per cent of the annual budget of the
three states being devoted to armament expenditure.

p. 100

The authors describe Fascism in these words:
... "Fascism, its cruelties and summary penal
code apart, may possibly be well adapted to the
relatively primitive Italian economy, but it scarcely
possesses the secret of economic welfare... Lavish
only of over-borrowing and rhetoric at home,
and thwarted in every sphere of foreign policy,
Fascist Italy has cherished political ambitions out-
of all proportion to her strength."

The following remark about the rise & growth
of National Socialism in Germany may be held to
be typical with regard to politico-economic issues:

p. 116-17

... Throughout the whole of its meteoric career,
National Socialism has always been, in the last ana-
lysis, the political organ of the Ruhr heavy
industrialists who suffered primarily from the
loss of Lorraine and the Saar, and from
the restriction imposed by the Treaty of Ver-
sailles upon German rearmament. Their support
of National Socialism served the two-fold purpose
of safeguarding their interests against the en-
croachments of Communism and the general tendency
in Germany towards State Socialism, and of

p. 61.

over France's construction of the pipe-line from
Bag to Tripoli and Haifa. Referring to the
enormous French loan of 50 million (Turkish) pounds
to Turkey for armaments, it says "... The loan
granted by the Schneider Bank, would seem to
aim at eventual French control, through Turkish
agency, of the source of supply of the Mosul
Oilfields Company, and the destruction of
Italian hopes in Anatolia. French prospects
are depicted as gloomy, in view specially of
her inability to prevent German re-armament.

p. 64

"... A repetition of the Commune looms large in
the imagination of a considerable section of France
at the present day ... The Bank of France,
in the design of its recently completed new
building, has anticipated this contingency."

The treatise refers to the status of the
Little Entente (Czechoslovakia, Rumania &
Yugoslavia) as designed to weaken Austria
and Hungary of their economic resources and to
look to France for political support through
fear of communism. From the militarist point of
view, the Skoda armament works was the key
-factor in Central & South Eastern Europe, fully-

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alone does the dictatorship continue to emphasize its economic function, though the announcement of the control & productive figures of Soviet-planned economy usually prelude an exhortation to the masses in their "role of spear-head of the world proletariat."

The authors consider that the chief defect of the Treaty of Versailles was the omission of economic realities from the province of political idealism. On the other hand the World Economic Conference, despite its failure, was the first meeting of the political leaders of the nations to discuss the so-called economic problems. It was a first public admission of the priority of the ~~econom~~ economic over the political factor. The preliminary condition for the emergence of dictatorships in Europe has been the collapse of the national economy, and their survival has been dependent upon the ability of the dictators to rally the nations' ~~political~~ productive sources to the political standard.

The book envisages the possibilities of economic friction in the international sphere

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Profits & Politics - By R. D. CHARQUES
and A. H. EWEN.

R 25546
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(Victor Gollancz Ltd., London,
1934; pp. 288).

The authors present a broad outline of the economic aspect of world politics since the Treaty of Versailles down to the World Economic Conference in 1933. The countries surveyed comprise France, Poland, the Little Entente States, Italy, Germany, the U.S.A., Japan, China, Soviet Russia & Great Britain. The book demonstrates that the majority of the practical issues confronting these post-war nations in their domestic and foreign policies are capable of clear definition only in their economic context, and regrets that hitherto the world's statesmen have chosen to present these issues in terms of 'ethical and philosophical concepts'. 'The French or the German Government does not speak for the nation as a whole, but for the temporarily dominant economic interest in the state.' Viewed in this light, ~~the authors assert~~, contemporary history shows that 'the voice is the voice of politicians, but the hand is the hand of money.' In the case of Russia

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ASSTT. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,
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Telegraphic address :
"Customs, Calcutta."
Telephone Nos. Cal.
4526 to 30.

To

Messrs. George Waller & Co.,
Calcutta.

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R 25777
12-8-39

No. of Enclosures

No. 29807

Dated the 9.8. 1939.

Gentlemen,

One case books ex.s.s.Shillong

I have the honour to state that the book
"Lenin's Selected Works" (Volumms 1 - 12) has been confis-
cated as the publication falls within the scope of the
General Communist, Notification, Government of India,
Finance Department (Central Revenues) No.61 of the 10th
September 1932.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- P. Mukherhi,
Asstt. Collector for Appraisalment.

Memo No. 29808 of 9.8.39
Copy forwarded to the Dy. Commissioner of Police
Special Branch, Calcutta for information.

P. Mukherhi
Asstt. Collector for Appraisalment.

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Perusal.

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APPENDIX VII.

(Referred to on page 297)

EXTRACT FROM THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, No.37,
DATED SEPTEMBER 10th, 1932.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CENTRAL REVENUES).

NOTIFICATIONS.

CUSTOMS.

Simla, the 10th September 1932.

No. 61. - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878 (VIII of 1878), and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the Finance Department (Central Revenues), No.23, dated the 28th May 1927, the Governor General in Council is pleased to prohibit the bringing into British India of -

- (1) any document issued by or emanating from -
 - (a) the Communist International, or
 - (b) any organisation affiliated to or controlled by or connected with the Communist International, or
 - (c) any persons holding office in any such organisation, or
- (2) any document containing substantial reproductions of the matter contained in any such document.

ML.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE.

C. I. DEPARTMENT.
..... GROUP.
INTELLIGENCE BRANCH.

SECRET

No. 7892
65-39/Int.

FROM

Reply at 2.286

To

P. E. S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,

Deputy Commissioner of Police,

SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA.

Dated.....1.....August 1939.

Subject :—

Dear Mr. Finney,

The undernoted postal articles were intercepted and detained u/s 19 Sea Customs Act at the G.P.O., Calcutta, in the Inward Foreign Mail on 5th August 1939. Will you kindly let me have full particulars of the addressees.

- (1) ^{C.I.}Labour Monthly, Vol. 21, No. 7, dated July, 1939, addressed to Rev. Nripen Ghosh, Baptist Mission, College Square, Calcutta.
- (2) ^{J.}World News & Views, Vol. 19, Nos. 31, 34, 35 & 36, dated 10th June, 1st, 8th & 15th July, 1939 respectively addressed to Haihai Kshtriya Yubak, 22 Ramtanu Bose Lane, Beadon Street, Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. S. S.
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Pursal and
orders please.he 14/8
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9/8/39.

ACJP-A 343-1937-38-13,56,000

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1st. Rmd

1. Sck. no report need yet.

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13. 8. 39

Comm. Pubs
214. Left Book Club. London.

It is reported that on 12.8.39 Muzaffar Ahmed (C.P.I., E.D.,) visited the Hindusthan Printing Syndicate of the Left Book Club and took cate and made over to S. Upadhy a list of banned books on Marxism and Leninism, together with a private letter for one Sukla, who is said to be the proprietor of the Euro-American Book Club or Agency Calcutta. Muzaffar in course of the letter, is reported to have suggested, that the service of reliable Indian Seamen of cargo boats, plying between Calcutta and foreign countries should be utilized for the purpose.

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

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DEPARTMENT.
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BRANCH.

Maps or Plans.	To	To be marked for takid.
Spare Copies.	<i>Att: Sir (R.)</i>	Department.
	<i>Simla.</i>	Branch.
		Collection No.
Class of Papers.	SUBJECT :—	Number and year of File.
		Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated	Date of Despatch.

No. *Dir. B-672-E* dated *16. 8. 39.*
S.M. 5/4/39.

Enclosures.

Dear.

Please refer to the Correspondence resting with your no. 3/Int./39-II dated 26. 7. 39.

INDEXED.

The book "Profits and Politics" has been reviewed in this office, and as it was not considered objectionable enough, it has been passed on for delivery.

Yours etc.,

20/11/39
J.D.C. S.B.

11/8.

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Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D. S. B.

D. D. S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

of D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated 16.8.39 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
1.50 PM 15/8	<p>7/2707</p> <p><u>Haihai Kshtrija Intake</u></p> <p>Q 25 776 of 12.8.38</p> <p>Confidential enquiry made at 22 Ram Torm Dorelan and learn that Haihai Kshtrija Intake is the name of a Hindi monthly journal edited by <u>Bairnath Singh</u> s/o Ganga prasad Gupta of Pindimbar, Phulpur, Durg. He is known to S.B.</p> <p>A clan of Kshtrija caste is known as Haihai. While "Gupla" surname is assumed by a certain class of Kshtrijas.</p> <p>Submitted B. S. S. S. S. 17/8</p>	<p>15/8.8.</p>

SB. On para - 418 p. 173.

SB. CS. no. 6563 dated 4/8/39

DE II

Ref to SB.
on 26/8/39.

One Atul Krishna
Roy No. 4. Kawai Lee Roy
of 12 Paikpara Road
is known. He was mentioned
by A.E.M. 12 on 27.2.32 as
belonging to Bengul Laban
Party. He is probably identical
with Atul Roy mentioned
by C. - 63.

R.S. Insp. G. B. Roy, message
See over

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RSGBL
A fine of quality
of work

He is identical for 4/8
- says he is Atul, but
he does not live at Paikpara
as was a day. His present
address is not known by
the agent. for 14/8

found it not for for 17/8
for 17/8

vide report C.L. 63 dated 17.8.39.

(cf. p. 237).

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12. 6. 39

229. Howrah District Unemployed League.

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It is reported that some members of the

*Serajul Mustafa (C.L.)	} Communist League have decided to
Sachin Das (C.L.)	
Bepin Chakravartti (C.L.)	
and Madhu Das (C.L.)	
} organize the Howrah District Unemploy-	
} ed League with the help of Pulin	

Roy, Balai Singh, Bholanath Singh Roy and Gopal Bose
of Howrah. Several public meetings would be held
at Howrah to champion the cause of the unemployed.

BM

To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
4. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Orissa, Cuttack.
5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D., Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
10. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. Punjab.
11. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Sind, Karachi.
12. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. U.P. Lucknow.
13. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Bombay.
14. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Calcutta.

Copy forwarded, for information, to:-

1. P.A. to D.I.G. of Police, Rlys. & C.I., Burma, Rangoon.
2. Senior Supdt. of Police, Quetta.
3. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident, Hyderabad, Deccan.
4. Secy. to the Resident, Baroda & Gujarat States, Baroda.
5. Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Central India, Criminal Branch, Indore.
6. Asst. to the Resident, Kashmir.
7. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident, Mysore, Bangalore.
8. I.G. of Police, Ajmer-Merwara and Police Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Rajputana.
9. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Ceylon, Colombo.
10. D.I.G. of Police, Western India & Gujarat States, Rajkot.
11. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident in the States of Western India, Rajkot.
12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Milv. Police & District Supdt. of Police, Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

H. Bentley
Assistant Director (R).

M.S.

22.3.39.

SM 514/39
Secret.

5 No.1/Int/39-VIII.

Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,

Government of India.

13/8/39
2/8/39 Simla, dated the

18 AUG 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

C1 The marginally noted books have come to notice.

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| <p>1. <u>"TORY M.P."</u> by Simon Haxey
published by Victor Gollancz
Ltd., London (also as "Left Book
Club" edition),</p> <p>2. <u>"WORLD AFFAIRS AND THE U.S.S.R."</u>
by T.P. and Zelda Coates,
published by Lawrence and
Wishart Ltd., London and</p> <p>3. <u>"A HANDBOOK OF FREEDOM"</u> by Jack
Lindsay and Edgell Rickword,
published by Lawrence and
Wishart Ltd., London.</p> | <p>} 2. The books are
considered harmless
and copies seen the
post may be passed on
for delivery.</p> <p>} 3. There is no
objection to the above
information being published in Secret Abstracts.</p> |
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To:-

V. Barker
Assistant Director (R).

Memo No: Dir. B./805 - C Dated 22.8.39
S.M. 514/39

60 copies.

B.16/8.

*Copy forwarded to Asst. Collector
and Supdt. Preventive Service, Customs,
Calcutta, for information and necessary
action.*

For D.C. S.B. Cal.
22/8/39

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

of D. D. Calcutta dated _____ 19
S. B.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p><u>Conte</u> Your contribution so as to reach the office by 31st August at the latest.</p> <p>Thanking you.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Sd/ Am. Maj. J. L. S. Managing Editor.</p> <p>Submitted H. L. S. 18/8/38.</p>	

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	<p><u>Calc</u> The founder of a short article or Valedictory Contribution from your pen for its first issue.</p> <p>The Editor in Chief, The Rai Sahab Nandan Chandra Shrestha, is an organising Secretary of an All-India Scheduled Caste Association and in addition is well-known in and amongst labour circles throughout the country. We are fortunate in being able to secure his services.</p> <p>Although published in Bengali it is hoped it will have an All-India circulation, and to secure the the Journal will be published in Hindi.</p>	

We shall be grateful if you will kindly send us P.T.

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From Inspector _____

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S. B.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>Intercepted a English letter addressed to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Babbar Road, Calcutta for an illegible managing Editor Prajya Mitra paper 130 Lower Circular Road, Calcutta bearing the Postal Mark. Dated 2/17/38</p> <p>17/8/38.</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>You will be glad to learn that a new weekly journal called the "Prajya Mitra" will come out into being on 6th September next. Inasmuch as the organ will represent the views of all labouring classes and the scheduled castes throughout India, we commend it to your kind notice and solicit the</p>	

P.T.O.

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 18th of August 1938.

From A. M. (illigible) 130 Lower Circular Rd. Cal.

To Moulana Abul Kalam azad. Banayfari

Language of letter English

Post office of interception Banayfari

Date of letter 17. 8. 38.

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed A. K. Balu

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Copies forwarded to File

SECRET.

No. 11/Bol/38.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),

Government of India,

Simla, dated the 18th August 1939.

My dear Finney,

With reference to your endorsement No. 17970-C
S.M.-514/39

dated 7.8.39, I write to say that the booklet entitled
"Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist Programme" came to our
notice in June last and was found to advocate a policy
of armed violence based on the usual Communist beliefs.
As such, copies seen in the course of transmission by
post are best withheld.

The booklet is issued from Bombay and is the work
of a certain M.G. Purdy, a Bombay/Trotskyite.

Yours sincerely,

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
S.B., Calcutta.

Copy forwarded for information to Rai Saheb P.M.
Chakrabarti, Spl. Superintendent of Police, I.B., Bengal
Calcutta.

Sd/- V.T. Bayley.

ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

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Calcutta dated

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Date and
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

Re- Rev Mr. Glen
of Baptist mission, College
square vide L.M. 514/39

Rev Mr. Glen lived
at Baptist mission,
College square as a
boarder but he has
shifted from the place
about two months
ago and gone to Ballygunge
side, particulars of
his address could not
be ascertained from
Confidential Enquiry.
Enquiries may be made
at Bowbazar Post Office
if he has given any
intimation there.

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at 12 noon
19 _____

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Intercepted a packet
from - George Allen & Son
Puskin House 40
Museum St London
W.C. I.

To - M/s Un. Shar & Co
15 College St.
Calcutta

Containing the following books:

Received &
returned
when seized
from 21
Bang
in 1935

6 copies "Revolution &
Counter-Revolution" =
F 92837 Karl Marx.

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The packet is submitted
herewith for perusal.

Submitted
for 13/8

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 13th of August 1939 at 12 noon

From George Allen & Sons Ltd Ruskin House
40 Museum St London W.C. 1

To H/S M. N. Dhar 15 College St
Calcutta

Language of letter Book English

Post office of interception Sackbar

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Date and
hour.

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Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

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po. at 12 noon on 13.8.39
a packet from Victor
Gollancz 14 Henrietta St
London WC2, E. M/S
W. N. Durr 15 College
Sqr. Calcutta containing
the following books:

- E196) Two copies "Towards The
Understanding of Karl Marx"
by Sidney Hook
 - E197) One copy "Agriculture in
Soviet Russia" by Joan
Beauchamp, B.A.
 - E198) One copy "Russia Reported
1921-1933" by Walter Duran-
ty.
 - E199) One copy "Supply & Trade in
The U.S.S.R." by W. N. Medel
- The packet is submitted
herewith for perusal.

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From Victor Gollancz; 14 Henrietta St London W.C. 2.

To M/s N. N. Dhar & Co; 15 College St Calcutta

Language of letter ^{book} English

Post office of interception ^{Barbican}

Date of letter ^x

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From Inspector _____

of D. D. _____
S. B. Calcutta, dated 13.8.38 at 12 noon

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>Intercepted a packet from — George Allen & Unwin Ltd. Ruskin House, 40 Museum St. London W.C. 1.</p> <p>To — M/s A. N. Dhar & Co 15 College Sq. Calcutta</p> <p>containing the following books</p> <p>6 copies — "<u>Karl Marx</u> the eighteenth brumaire of Louis Bonaparte" by <u>Translated by Eden & Cedar Paul.</u></p> <p>The packet is submitted to here with for perusal.</p> <p>Submitted for 13/8</p>	

was not returned when seized from P361, (Punt) And on 22-11-32 F 8250 B 1578

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Calcutta

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Post office of interception ^{Post Office}

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Assistant Director (R). Intelligence Bureau,
EXPRESS LETTER. Simla.

The undersigned will be glad to know whether the following ~~publication has~~ come to the notice of the publications have Intelligence Bureau and, if so, whether ~~it comes~~ within they come the scope of the General Communist Notification. Does a review of ~~its~~ contents suggest that action is possible or their desirable under any other law? The ~~publication is~~ being publications are detained pending receipt of a reply to this letter.

O.C. *Xibara*
FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Printer</u>
1.	^{INDEXED} "Revolution & Counter Revolution"	Karl Marx	George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London.	Riverside Press Edinburgh.
2.	^{INDEXED} "Towards the Understanding of Karl Marx"	Sidney Hook	Victor Gollancz Ltd. London	Camelot Press Ltd., London.
3.	^{INDEXED} "Agriculture in Soviet Russia"	Joan Beauchamp	- do -	- do -
4.	^{INDEXED} "Russia Reported in 1921-33"	Walter Durrant	- do -	- do -
5.	^{INDEXED} "Supply & Trade in the USSR"	W. Model	- do -	- do -
6.	^{INDEXED} "Karl Marx - The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte"	Translated by Eden & Cedar Paul	George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London	Kimble & Bradford, London.

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384. Communist Publications.

It is reported that Suren Dutta (C.P.I.) of the National Book Agency has written to Ben Bradley of the C.P. of Great Britain requesting him to send in future cuttings of labour journals and books of the Left Book Club to Prof. Sahid Surhawardy, brother of Hon'ble Sir Hasan Surhawardy. The National Book Agency is said to have sold many proscribed books including "Memoirs of Lenin" by Krupskaya, which were brought from the Euro-American Book Club or Agency, Calcutta, last week.

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From Inspector _____

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of D. D. Calcutta, dated _____ 19
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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>a condition for left literature to reach out among the people. Please write to me what you will do regarding the sale of the booklets, at the address given below.</p> <p>Hoping to get your full co-operation in this work of left propaganda.</p> <p>Yours fraternally (Ed) A. R. Desai.</p> <p>N.B. address :- AKshayakumar R. Desai Varma House, 14th Road, Khar, Bombay (B.B. & C. I. Ry.)</p> <p>Unlimited Nalin Roy S. B. 1248757</p>	

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From Inspector Valini Mohan Royof D.D. Calcutta, dated 12.8. 19 39.
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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
12/8/39 10/15 am	<p>Re: Interception at Bowbazar P.O.</p> <p>Copy of an English typed letter dated 9.8.39. The cover bears the Postal seal of Bombay G. P. O. of 10.8.39.</p> <p>From: - <u>Akshayakumar R. Desai</u> <u>Varma House, 11/5 Road,</u> <u>Khar, Bombay (B.B. & C. 16)</u></p> <p>To: - <u>Baiswa. Nam. Dube</u> <u>Lahore bany office</u> <u>1 Kundwadi lane</u> <u>Bowbazar, Calcutta.</u></p> <p>Dear Comrade,</p> <p>I have, herewith, sent by book-post three booklets dealing with the most vital problems of the Indian liberation struggle from the left point of view.</p> <p>I wish you to go through them and send me your impressions.</p> <p>Further, every leftist knows how meagre our literature is and also how undeveloped the methods of distribution and sale of such left literature. I shall be glad if you will attempt to create market for the booklets in your Centre by selling them and thereby create</p>	

Very Secret

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 23. 8. 1939.

Memo. No.

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 12th of August 1939.

From Akshaya Kumar R. Desai, Varma House,
14th Road, Khar, Bombay (B.B. H.C. 1. Pg)

To Bismil Nait Duley, Lahore Party Office,
1 Kundurdui Lane, Bowbazar, Calcutta

Language of letter English (typed.)

Post office of interception Bowbazar.

Date of letter 9. 8. 39.

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Yours Truly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Typed) Ashwaja Kumar. R. Desai</p> <p>(The book-post packet mentioned in the letter is ^{also} sent to them for personal & necessary action, if any)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submitted,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ashwaja Kumar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14/8/38</p>	

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Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>will attempt to create market for the booklets in your place by selling them and thereby create a condition for left literature to reach out among the people.</p> <p>Please write to me as to what you will do regarding sale of booklets at the address given below.</p> <p>Hoping to get your full cooperation in this work of left propaganda. — M.</p>	

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	<p>Three booklets, dealing with the most vital problems of Indian Liberation struggle, from the Left point of view.</p> <p>I wish you to go through them and send me your opinion.</p> <p>Further, every leftist knows how meagre is our literature and also how undeveloped are the methods of distribution and sale of such Leftist literature. I shall be glad if you</p>	<p><i>Just received</i></p> <p><i>JS</i></p>

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From Inspector _____

D. D. Calcutta, dated 12/8/28 - 10/8/28 19

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From - AK Shyam Kumar R. Desai
Verma House, 14 E Road
Bombay

To - Biswanath Mukherjee Esq
Secy. B.P.S.F.
8/2, Bhowani Gull Lane
Calcutta.

Bombay, 7.8.28

Dear General, I have,
herewith, sent by book post - P.T.O.

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 23. 8. 1939

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(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

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the 12th of August 1939-10th,

From Akshay Kumar A. Desai, Verma House 14th Rd, Bombay

To Bishwanath Mookerji Esq, 81, Secy, B.P.S. 7, 8th St, Bishwanath Dutt Lane, Cal.

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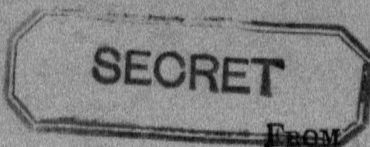
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To P. E. S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,
 Deputy Commissioner of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA,

Dated August 1939.

Subject :—

Dear Mr. Finney,

Will you please refer to Asst. Director
 (R's) No.11/Bol/38 dated 19.8.39, regarding a booklet
 entitled "Bolshevik Leninist Trotskyist Programme", and
 kindly favour me with a copy of your No.17970-C/S.M.514/39
 dated 7.8.39.

Yours sincerely,

P. B. B. B.
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(cf. p. 211).
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Inform SB.
S.D. 19/8.
* p. 173.

Dear -

I write to inform you that Atul Roy (C.P.I.) mentioned in July Dn. para 418 is reported to be living at "3/B, Ganja Gully" near the Baghbazar Post Office. He is said to be attending the North Calcutta Congress Committee office daily from 9 to 11 am.

Yours etc.,
for
D.C. SB,

He 19/8.

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struggles of the people to dislodge them from their predatory heights, to destroy the very system of exploitation, to wipe out all imperialism, capitalism, zamindari."

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Mr. Gandhi is accused of standing for the integrity of the army..." Did you not reproach the brave Ghanwale soldiers for acts of indiscipline when they refused to obey the order of their officer to fire on the unarmed people? Mahatmaji! What type of non-violence is yours which condemns soldiers for refusing to shoot, for not being violent?"

The book ~~is~~ seems objectionable.

H. Mookherji

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it, seek its cooperation, declare that armed
band, the instrument of keeping the Indian
people as slaves of Britain, as to be allies &
friends.... He asserts that for purging the
Congress, the guideline of discipline should be
applied to the so-called Congress leaders &
(Ministers) who stand charged with "treason" against
the Congress creed.

p. 26

Chakravarti working in office. accepts the
note asks Mr. Gandhi... "Why did you not
(Ministers) advise them to close down all prisons, to demobilize
police, etc.? If it was outside their powers under
provincial autonomy to do so, why did you not
instruct them to abstain from the use of this
paraphernalia of most organized, scientific &
ruthless violence?" It is an accident that
as capitalists and landlords have been shot at,
hathi-charged is imprisoned during the regime of
the Congress Governments, but that only the workers,
Kishans & their leaders have been targets for such
slaughter. "The violence of the Congress Govern-
ments has a diabolical character, because it
is used in the name of Truth & Non-violence,
Love & Compassion of heart." Mr. Gandhi's truth
is described as the voice of vested interests who
rule by violence but appear and dub as violent

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The Congress Ministers are accused of strengthening the "State Machine of Britain in India" by adding to its legal arsenal fresh weapons of repression ... "The Congress Ministers are a hindrance to the
p.18. preparation and development of an anti-Federal mass struggle in the country." The real culprits guilty of propagating the forces of disorder, violence and untruth are Vallabhbhai, Rajaji, Rajmabhai and others - not the Keshav & Mayadwar leaders and the anti-imperialist Congressmen who are organizing the masses for the coming momentous battle against Freedom. The writer speaks of the Socialists, Communists, Left Trade Unions as the "leaders of the proletariat" who lead the daily struggles of the workers for bread & democracy, "thereby preparing & training them through a series of partial, sectional & local strike actions, for country-wide proletarian mass action to give a blow to the Federation and thereby to Imperialism, the common national enemy of all Indian People."

p.20.
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Accusing the Right Wing Leaders as rebels against the Congress principles, the author remarks, ... "Instead of condemning the police as apparatus of violence, they praise

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with satisfaction the actions of the Bombay
Congress Ministry, is most devastating proof of the
anti-national character of the activity of the Ministry.

p. 10. " (the charges, suppression of freedom of speech,
assembly & demonstration, and arrests of leaders
of militant but peaceful peasants, are the
greatest achievements of the N. W. F. Congress
Ministry.

P. T. D.

the henchmen of vested interests - capitalists & landlords, and the peasants' & workers' leaders are entangled for ^{trying to improve} the lot of ~~millions of~~ oppressed & down-trodden millions at the cost of great hardship and tyranny. Sardar Patel, ironically referred to as the stalwart of the Congress cult of Non-Violence, justified the police firing on the Bombay workers ^{who went on strike} on 7th November to condemn the Black Bill of the Bombay Congress Government. "... You do not condemn Sardar Patel who knows off the mark of non-violence and defends police firing, justifies the murder of two stark proletarians who had ~~stuffed~~ stood up to resist the imposi-

tion of fresh claims; ... justifies coercion, bullets, lethal charges on the ground of safety of life and property." ~~Repeating~~ ... "The gentle, generous, affectionate and non-violent names given by the ministers to the Labour leaders (such as Goondas, Hoodlums, Vandals) reveal their Ministers in the role of slanders just as the use of State violence in the form of sec. 144 etc., exposes them as practitioners of violence & that that too against the exploited workers..."

... This one fact that the Imperialist enemy who has enslaved us & the overthrow of whose power is the aim of our National Independence Struggle, endorses

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Gandhi's Truth & Non-violence X-rayed.

An open letter to Mahatma Gandhi

By Akshaykumar R. Desai.

(Published by A. R. Desai - the author.
Varma House, 14th Road, Khar, Bombay).
pp. 34.

This brochure, dedicated to all victims of Gandhian Truth and Non-Violence, is in the form of an open letter to Mahatma Gandhi. The author agrees with Mr. Gandhi's picture of the Congress as being faced with "anarchy & red ruin", but advocates that the forces of disorder undermining the Citadel of Truth & Non-Violence are to be discerned in the veteran Congress leaders at the helm of the organization. The entire pamphlet is, in short, a scathing condemnation of the Congress leaders (including Mr. Gandhi) who are depicted as throwing to the winds the Congress creed of Truth & Non-violence and as making common cause with the imperialist forces of violence (the police & the army) in crushing every form of people's movement towards real democracy and economic well-being. The Congress Ministers & Leaders are shown as

British Finance - capital, since
there are strong economic ties bet⁷⁴⁴
the zamindars and Br Banks.
In fact the surplus wealth
after zamindari, wrung out of them
forms a good portion of the
capital of Br Banks.

Finally, the shakunkar will be
hard working to abandon his debt
claims. He will be going against
his age-long tradition if he does so.

P 31

" The dream of a progressive
and prosperous country is bound
up with the programme of political
freedom, the basic condition for abolishing
the present relations of production,
for community for the working
population land and other resources
of the country, for building a planned
economic life for our people, for
Socialism "

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handicraftsmen, artisans and the rest
who, in the absence of the proportionate
industrial development obstructed by the
British govt to safeguard the market
interests of British industries, crowded on land
depending for maintenance on an already
declining agriculture. This army of rural
artisans reinforcing the number of people
already dependent on land increased
the poverty of the rural population, the prime
cause of the huge indebtedness."

P 7

"The impact of British conquest of India
led also to other results. By disintegrating
the self-sufficient village community, it
destroyed the security and stability of the
peasant producer, impoverished him and
made him the debt-slave of the money lender."
On the pages following the
author manifests this idea.

P 10

"This double exploitation (frequently
manifest since in the system of
sub-tilling has created an army of
parasitic intermediaries between the
arch-parasite zamindar and the working
tenant) of zamindars and British superiors
has put things thus aggravated
in the rather most depths of poverty and
indebtedness."

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"Without political freedom, industrial
development of India on a scale
as to solve the problem of unemployment
on agriculture" is not possible. Without
the solution of this basic rural problem,
it is not possible to remove the stagnation
of agriculture. So the whole problem of
redemption of Indian agriculture and
general rural economy is elevated from
economic to the political plane. It
raises the issue of political power"

P 29

a NOW can British imperialism abolish
zamindars and liberate the peasants.
First, for the political reason that the
zamindars are the social support of
British Rule in India. Secondly, for the
economic reason that the down-fall
of zamindars will economically involve

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Calcutta, dated

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Date and
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Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

re: the intercepted pamphlet entitled
"Indian Feudal States and National
Liberation Struggle" by Ashok Kumar
Raman Lal Dasai, printed by R.R. Bakhale
in Bombay.

I beg to submit that I distinctly
remember this book having been found on postal
transmission to Richaranda Dutta Mazumdar
a ^{other} ~~some~~ individual and also reviewed by
me.

This is a strong denunciation of the British
Government and British Imperialism in India
with reference to the Native States.

I also remember that the book was
recommended for withholding.

Office may kindly be asked to reference
this book and put up the review.

D. D.

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From Inspector

Nalini Mohan Roy

of D. D. Calcutta, dated 12. 8. 1937.
S. B.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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12/8/37
10/15 am

Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O., a book-post packet addressed to Biswa Nath Datta of Lahore Bar, Office, 1 Kunderchur Street, Calcutta. Containing the under mentioned book-lots. The Postal seal of issue on the cover is illegible.

These are kept in the Library. Withheld F 13446.

(1) Indian Feudal States and National Liberation - Struggle by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.

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(2) The Problem of Agrarian Indebtedness in India by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.

Withheld SM 574/39

(3) Gandhi's Truth and Non-violence X-Rayed by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.

The packet is submitted herewith for perusal of General.

Submitted.

Nalini Roy
S. B.

12/8/37

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the

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From Akshaya Kumar R. Desai, Bombay.

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S.M. 514/39.

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Dear -

In the inland mail of 12th August 1939 a packet addressed to Biswa Nath Dasgupta, Labour Party Office, No. 1, Kunderdine Lane, Calcutta, from Akshaya Kumar R. Desai, Bombay, containing the undermentioned books, was intercepted at the Bow Bazar Post office. As some of the books are objectionable the packet has been withheld.

1. "Indian Feudal States and National Liberation Struggle" by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.
2. "Problem of Agrarian Indebtedness in India" by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.
3. "Gandhi's Truth and Non-Violence X-Rayed" by Akshaya Kumar R. Desai.

Yours etc. *25/8*
+ or S.B.

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To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
4. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Orissa, Cuttack.
5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
10. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B., Punjab.
11. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Sind, Karachi.
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14. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Calcutta.

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of Western India, Rajkot.
12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Milly. Police & Dist. Supdt. of Police,
Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

V. Baskin
Assistant Director (R).

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Intelligence Bureau, (Home Department),

Government of India.

Dated Simla, the AUG 26 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

The marginally noted book has come to notice.

"THE LAND OF SOCIALISM:
TODAY AND TOMORRO."

(Speeches and decisions made
at the 18th Congress of the
Communist Party of the Soviet
Union.)

Sole distributors of the
English edition: M/S Collets
booksellers, Charing Cross
Rd. London.

2. The book is
covered by the General
Communist Notification
and is objectionable.
Copies seen in the Post
should be withheld from

delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information
being published in Secret Abstracts.

V. Barker
Assistant Director (R).

To

Memo No: Dir. I. B. 842-c Dated 29.8.39
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YM. 24/8.

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Sgt. K. H. R.
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For Dy. Commr. of Police,
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5. Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Central India, Criminal Branch, Indore.
6. Asst. to the Resident, Kashmir.
7. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident, Mysore, Bangalore.
8. I.G. of Police, Ajmer-Merwara and Police Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Rajputana.
9. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Ceylon, Colombo.
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12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
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15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

H. Baskley
Assistant Director (R).

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NO. 1/Int/39-VIII
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, HOME DEPARTMENT,
Government of India,
Simla, the **AUG 26 1939**

Circular Memorandum

The marginally noted books have come to notice.

1. "THE CONDITION OF THE WORKERS IN
GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY AND THE
SOVIET UNION 1932-38" by
Jurgen Kuczynski.
2. "THE SMALLER DEMOCRACIES:
Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark,
Norway, Finland" by
Sir E.D. Simon.
3. "NATIONAL CAPITALISM" by
Ernest Davies.

(All published by M/S Victor
Gollancz Ltd., London).

2. The books
are considered
harmless and
copies seen in
the post may
be passed for
delivery.

3. There is no

objection to the above information being published in
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Assistant Director (R).

V. B. Bentley

Memo no. Dir. I.B. 843 .c Dated 29.8.39
S.M. 5/4/39 — "

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Sd/- K.H.R. 29/8.
For O.C. S.B.

M.T. 25/8

Copy circulated to
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June 14/39

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17/8/39

CAPITALER-SANKSHIPTA SARA
 (Gist of Capital—By Karl Marx)
 By Rebati Burman. Published
 by Brajabehari Burman; Burman
 Publishing House, 72, Harrison
 Road, Calcutta.

Comrade Rebati Burman has of late made himself conspicuous as a student of Marxism by writing several books on the subject. His 'Marx Prabeshika' (Introduction to Marxism) was welcomed by all. But the book under review surpasses all his previous writings. It is, no doubt, essential to go through the three big volumes of Karl Marx's capital if one wants to understand what Marx really meant. But it is a fact that the big volumes of this valuable book is seldom read. Now a days 'Marxian theory and analyses of capitalist society' is becoming popular to the educated and intellectual section of our country. But those who are not well versed in the English language find a great difficulty to know the subject, which is mostly written in foreign languages. In this respect Comrade Rebati Burman is rendering valuable service to the cause of Marxism in this province by writing his books in Bengali in his usual elegant and simple style.

We have gone through the book under review and we are glad to recommend it to those who are willing to be acquainted with Marxian theory of dialectics in nature and society. The book contains the following chapters:—(1) Commodity, (2) Exchange, money and commodity circulation, (3) Transformation of money into capital, (4) Production of surplus value, (5) Co-operation, (6) Division of labour manufacture, (7) Machine and Modern Industrial Production, (8) Wages, (9) Accumulation of capital, (10) Rate of profit and crisis, (11) Primitive Accumulation.

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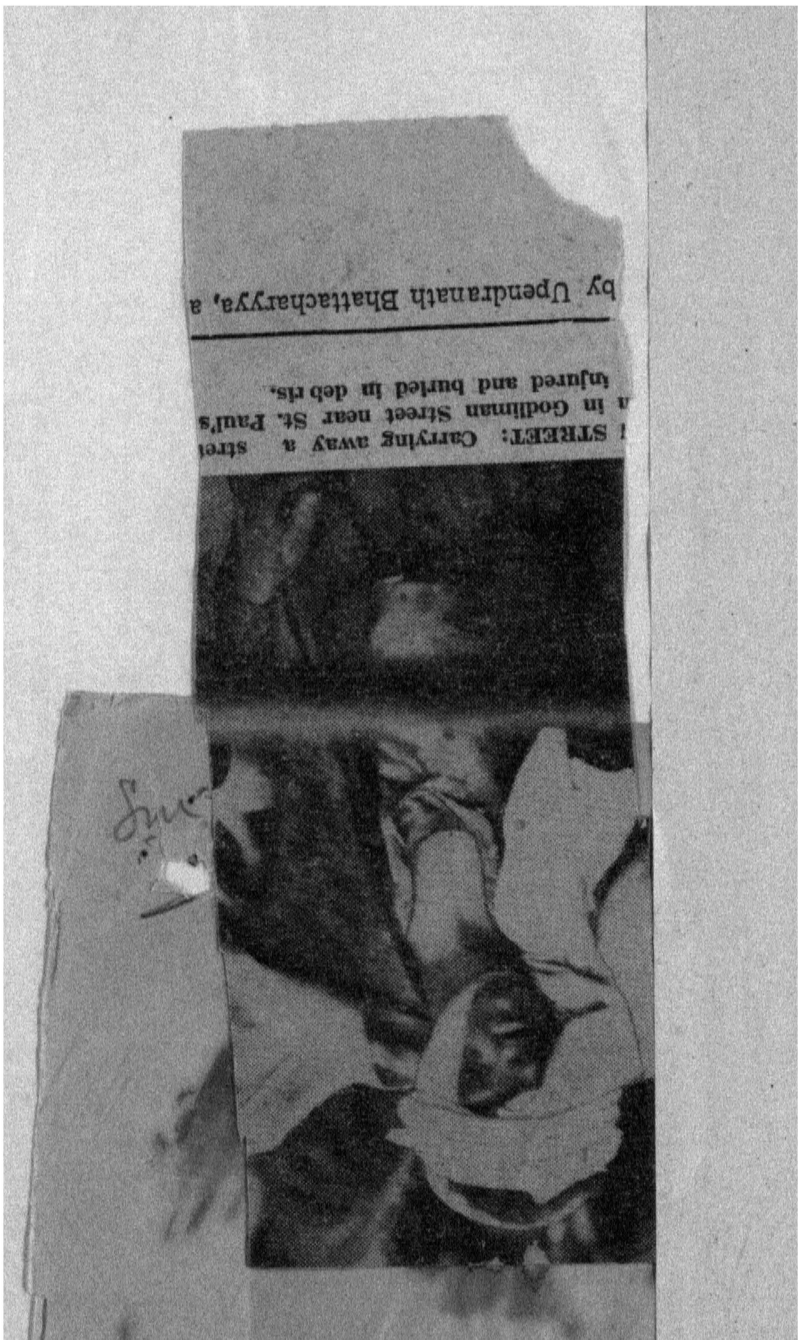
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	2nd No. , dated		
	3rd No. , dated		

No. *SM-514/39* dated *31.8.39*

Enclosures,

Dear -

will you please let me know, ^{INDEXED.}
if the book "Capital - Sankshipta
Sara" (List of Capital - By Karl
Marx), by ~~Prof~~ *Kibati Burman* and
published by *Brajabehari Burman*,
Burman Publishing House, 72, Harrison
Road, Calcutta, has come to your
notice, if so, ^{let} ~~send~~ me ^{have} a copy of
its review.

Yours etc.,

*W. 26/8**26.8.39*
W.D.C. S.B.

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No. S.M. 514/39 dated 31.8.39.

Enclosures.

Dear—

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Cf. C.L. III 5/22.8.39.

Is this prescribed or
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Soy. K.K.
23/8.

Ask B.L. pl.
Soy. S.D.
28/8.

Will you please let me know
if the book entitled "Full Text Marx
and Engels on India" has come
to your notice, if so, favour me
with a copy of its review.

Yours etc.,

7/10/39
W.C. S.B.

To:-

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5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
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12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Mily. Police & Dist. Supdt. of Police, Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

V. Barker
Assistant Director (R).

M.T. 17/8

(500 copies)

SECRET.

No. 1/Int/39-VIII.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),
Government of India,
Simla, dated the

29 AUG 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

The marginally noted book has come to notice.

"WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY:
A Marxist Introduction"

by
Howard Selsam
Published by M/S Lawrence
& Wishart, Ltd, London.

2. The book is covered by the
General Communist Notification and is
objectionable. Copies seen in the
post should be withheld from delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information being
published in Secret Abstracts.

V. B. Baskley
ASST. DIRECTOR (R).

To:-

PIM.
28.8.39.

(60 copies)

No: Dir. I.B. 870. c Dated 1.9.39.
S. M. 514/39

Copies circulated to
I.P.S. and I.Os.
1/9.

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Supdt. Preventive Service, Customs, Calcutta,
for information and necessary action.

For Dy. Commr of Police,
Special Branch, Cal.
1.9.39.

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No. S.M. 514/39, dated 1. 9. 39.

Enclosures.

Dear.

I write to inform you that "Ganja Gully" referred to in my No. S.M. 514/39 dated 24. 8. 39, is also known as Haralal Mistry Lane.

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Yours etc.,

In

D.C. LB.

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

S. Choudhury

D. D.
S. B.

Calcutta dated

19. 8. 39 at 6 PM

Date and
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

Intercepted a cover bearing
postal seal of firm - London
W. 1. of 31-7-39; containing
a pamphlet entitled "The
Socialist Vanguard" issued
from International Publishing
Co:
12 Great castle St.
London W. 1

To — The Editor
"The Comrade"
249 Bond Bazar St.
Calcutta, India

Submitted
S. Choudhury
19. 8. 39

Very Secret

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/^{foreign} Foreign Mail of

the 19th of August 19 9 at 6 PM

From International Publishing Co; 12 Great Castle Street, London, W.I.

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	<p>There are other articles dealing with international politics in regard to Britain and Germany and also with Socialist views.</p> <p>The paper contains very objectionable matters as summarised above and may therefore be withheld.</p> <p><i>S. B. Dutt.</i> 24.8.39.</p>	

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	<p>Clon is unlikely to prove Squeamish in dealing out death and misery to the people of India and the rest of the British Empire." It has been urged that the British workers are faced with the task of ridding the world of the present British Government. The only escape lies in the freeing of the suppressed people within the British Empire from slavery and bondage.</p> <p>The article headed "Every Indian a war resister" by <u>Ram Manohar Lohia</u> is a maliciously objectionable article in which he points out that they are on the brink of a world war and that India must prepare herself for preventing her involvement in war. Lohia suggests four courses of action mainly for such preparation, namely, obstructing the flow of Indian manpower into the Indian army, building up an agitation in the Indian States to undermine the authority of the Prince and the Paramount Power, mobilizing the workers to refuse transshipment of raw materials and the handling of British goods on the outbreak of war and lastly, organizing the Indians to refuse payment of war taxes and subscription to war loans. The Indian people must take advantage of a war for the purpose of wresting their freedom from foreign usurpers. Lohia analyses the pseudo-moralist, the pseudo-realist and the pseudo-radical points of view in regard to the issue of war and India's duty. While doing so, he reiterates ^{reiterates} the Congress resolution to resist Britain unto death in exploiting Indian men and money in war, as also confirmed by Mr. Gandhi. He writes that British Imperialism is the monster evil and the mother insect that spawns little killers. It is a continuing support to fascism. In achieving her own freedom, India must fulfil the world task of destroying the British Empire.</p>	

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for professing pacifist policy. Seemingly on moral grounds. The paper says that the Socialists agree that Anglo-Soviet Pact is a good thing, that Japan should be driven out of China with the aid of a world boycott, that India should be given her freedom and that an anti-aggression front should be built up by all nations for peace. But while recognising the value of these things, the Socialists forget that the British Government is uninfluenced by British workers and that the change of Government is hardly likely. Then follows a bitter castigation of the present British Government and the British Democracy which have less respect for public opinion. The British Government is not afraid of the British Labour Movement today because it has been swatened by its official leadership, and it is politically ineffective. The paper urges for the setting up of an alternative political leadership for the revitalisation of the British Labour movement which would help in shaping the future of the world.

In the article headed "Double-Crossing China", G.F. Green bitterly condemns the British policy in regard to the affairs of China in connection with the Japan's offensive. He opines: "The Government (meaning the present British Government) which can so foully betray a nation of 400 million Chinese people to advance the special interests of the British ruling

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R/ 27194 of 22.8.39

Re: review of interrupted members (foreign).

INDEXED
The "Socialist Vanguard" no. 8, vol. V for August 1939 - the monthly journal of the militant Socialist International, in the editorial headed "in the shadow of war" refers to the acute and strained war situation which far exceeds the bounds of tension as evidenced before the Great war. Even though several factors are involved therein, yet the fascist aggressor nations are regarded as the immediate menace to peace and they have all been fostered and assisted by the British Government and all its supporters. The paper denounces the lapse on the part of the British Labour Party to exert pressure on the Government to change its policy while the time for such action was ripe. The paper holds that fascist tendencies pervading today the public policies in Great Britain, France and U.S.A. have emboldened and strengthened the hands of the aggressive fascist powers, the greatest enemies of peace. It is impossible to change a system through moral strength and pacifism and show of good examples as well. The paper criticises the Socialists

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No. 27719, dated 1. 9. 39

S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear.

In the inward Foreign mail of 19th August 1939, a Cover containing a copy of the Socialist Vanguard Volume V, No. 8, for August 1939, ^{INDEXED.} was ~~is~~ addressed to the Editor, "The Comrade", 249 Bow Bazar Street, Cal. was intercepted at the Bow Bazar Post Office on 19. 8. 39. As the ~~contents of~~ paper contains very objectionable matter, it has been withheld.

*Noted in
S.B. W.R.*

8/31/39.

Yours etc.,

*S.M. 29/8
T.O.C. S.B. P.T.O.*

Memo No. 27719 - C Dated - 11/9/39.
S.M. 514/39

Copy forwarded to S.M. I.B.,
for information.

(2) ~~W.C.D.B.~~
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No. 27490-c, dated 7/9/39.
S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

p. 236.

With reference to your
No. 10583/misc. k. dated 11 August
1939, I send herewith a review
of the booklet entitled "Bolshevik
Leninist Trotskyist Programme",
a copy of which was sent to
Asstt. Dir. (R.) under my No. 17970-c/
S.M. 514/39 dated 7.8.39.

Yours etc.,

W.C. S.B.
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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

D. D.
S. B.

Calcutta, dated

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1939.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
12/9	<p>S. M. 5-14/39.</p> <p>Re: <u>unipen Ghose</u> of Baptist Mission, College Square.</p> <p>Enquiry was made in the Bowbazar Post Office but no intimation has been given to the Post Office by unipen Ghose re: his change of address.</p> <p>Submitted</p> <p>Projeendram Kumar Roy Chowdhury</p> <p>5. 9. 39.</p>	<p>66 257</p>

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	<p>Intercepted a book post containing leaflets entitled "<u>Colonial</u> <u>information bulletin</u>"</p> <p>From — 53 Gray's St inn Rd, London W.C. 1.</p> <p>To — Editor Sathi 77 Chittaranjan Avenue <u>Calcutta</u></p>	

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Memo. No.

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Ingram's at Durand's

Intercepted a book post addressed to Daren Sen 170 Harrison Road Calcutta, India containing a copy of the Left Forum from Editor Left Forum 81 Arcadian Gardens, London, N. 22

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B. S. Sankar

29.8.89

Office
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The issue of this Left Forum no 31 for April 1989 was received & reviewed & Dr. Aggarwal & with it as it was
M. Chatterjee 574/39

No. 28034 -c Dated - 30.8.39
S. No. 514/39 (R.)
Assistant Dir. J. Bureau
Simla.

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EXPRESS LETTER.

The undersigned will be glad to know whether the following publication has come to the notice of the Intelligence Bureau and, if so, whether it comes ~~they come~~ within the scope of the General Communist Notification. Does a review of its ~~their~~ contents suggest that action is possible or desirable under any other law? The publication is being detained pending receipt of a ~~publications are~~ reply to this letter.

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For Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

<u>Title.</u>	<u>Editor</u> <u>Author.</u>	<u>Publisher.</u>	<u>Printer.</u>
<u>"The Left Forum"</u> No. 25, August 1939	C. A. Smith - Controversy - 81, Arcadian Gardens, London N. 22.	Publishing Co., London	National Labour Press Ltd., London.

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I.B. Home DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

ASST. DIRECTOR (R), INTELLIGENCE BUREAU,
(HOME DEPARTMENT), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, SPECIAL BRANCH,
CALCUTTA.

SECRET.

No. 3/Int/39-II

Dated 6th September, 1939

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Please refer to your Express letter No. 28034/S.M.514/39-C, dated 30-8-1939, regarding "Left Forum".

2. This periodical has succeeded "Controversy", mentioned in this Bureau's Circular No. 19/Int/36, dated 29.12.1936, and is not covered by the General Communist Notification. In this connection attention is invited to my letter No. 3/Int/39-II, dated 6-6-1939. The August issue of 'Left Forum' has not come to our notice.

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Re: Hai hai Kohatya Juban.

Hai hai Kohatya Juban is the name of a Hindi monthly journal edited by Baijnath Singh Sh. Gaega Bansa Singh of Pindara, Fulbari, Bansa, aged of 22 Rana Taran Bose Lane.

Baijnath was formerly the editor of "Jaiswal Juban", a Hindi monthly magazine, and Vice President, the India Rajput Youngmen's Association (1928). He was arrested in connection with the Lahore Conspiracy Case and after release (1936) joined hands with Gopal Das, a revolutionary. He was also an associate of Kamal Tandon (C.C., H.S.A.) and was twice convicted during the C.D. Movement in 1930.

C. D. Aggarwal
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BENGAL LIBRARY.

WRITERS' BUILDINGS.

Calcutta, dated the 9th Sept. 1939.

Dear Sir,

Your Memo. no. S.M. 514/39, dated the 31st August, 1939.

No book entitled "Capitaler Sankshipta Sar"
(Gist of Capital - by Karl Marx) by Rebati Barman and
published by Braja Behari Burman, Burman Publishing
House, 72, Harison Road, Calcutta, appears to have
been received in this office. Would you kindly let me
have the name of the printer and the name and address
of the press where the book was printed ?

Yours sincerely,

ananta prasad

Librarian, Bengal Library.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

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WRITERS' BUILDINGS.

Calcutta, dated the 9th Sept. 1939.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your Memo. no. S.M. 514/39, dated the 31st August, 1939.

The book entitled "Full Text of Marx and Engels in India" has not been received in this office. Would you kindly let me have the name of the printer and the name and address of the press where the book was printed?

Yours sincerely,

A. K. Datta Gupta

Librarian, Bengal Library.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

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It is reported that though Professor Humayun Kabir is the Managing Director of the "Krishak" yet the actual management of the paper is in the hands of Subhas Bose, who has appointed his own men.

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	<p>in bringing political consciousness to the karmy in the factory and in uniform, in struggling at their side against the few - that must be the aim and method of all Socialists. He asserts that beyond it stands the goal, the rallying of the working people for Socialism and all it stands for: the conquest of power, the exercise of power, the transformation of a country and a people.</p> <p>The article is of an extremist nature upholding international Socialism. It is an objectionable article.</p> <p>Page 190-192 contains certain orders ^{Said to have been} performed by Antoine de Saint-Just in the days of the French Revolution which relate to revolutionary principles as applied to the military.</p> <p>They seem to be objectionable propaganda.</p> <p>P199 "Russia and Germany compared" by Margaret Lane, is an an enlightening article analysing and dealing with the aspects of the Nazi economy in Germany in the light of its aims and aspirations for international bargaining.</p> <p>P204 There are full reports regarding the ^{past and} present positions of the Labour and Socialist International (Second International) ranging between 1889 and</p>	

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P. 186	<p>"No Rose-water Cross war" is the heading of an article by <u>Pierre Duval</u> who surveys world politics in the light of Marxist doctrine. He shows how the world political factors which have cropped up since the termination of the Great War have rendered the Socialist movement, and labour and communist movements divided. Referring to Lenin's prophecy that force and violence would break up capitalism and have the way for Socialist Society, the writer says that the present bears testimony to the truth of Lenin's assertion. Regarding Britain, the writer states that they are approaching the phase in which the British Empire is to experience its crisis: it is endangered by social and nationalist disintegration from within and by the imperialist appetite of its rivals without, namely, Hitler, Mussolini and Japan. Imperialist Britain in dissolution is challenged by a powerful, reactionary holy alliance. The men on both sides are called to arms, and one in three to man the factories for munition and armament work. The fate of a rotten empire and of the fascist coalition is their hands, only they don't know it - yet. The writer seeks a remedy for all this in the whispering of the arms of Socialism through the breaches and the gaps, with all their revolutionary implications,</p>	

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S.N. 514/39.

Review of "The Left Forum" for August, 1939.

Edited by C.A. Smith, 81 Arcadian Gardens, London N 22

Printed by the National Labour Press, Ltd and
published by the Controversy Publishing Co., from
35 St. Bride Street, London, E.C. 4.

P183 The editorial note under caption "who
encircles whom?" deal with the talks for Anglo-Soviet Pact. The writer quotes from a German financial journal concluding in regard to Anglo-Soviet talks that Neville Chamberlain is pursuing a clever policy to save the British Imperialist skin at the expense of the Soviets. He also quotes the views of the Bolsheviks disliking the British haggling over the Anglo-Soviet pact. Pointing to Lord Runciman's declaration about appeasement not being dead and also to the professional Nazi agents' propaganda, the writer emphasises on the need for vigilance on the part of the Labour Movement and also for continuous exposure of and opposition to the Chamberlain regime.

P185. The writer informs about the springing up and growth of a ^{new} pro-German Party in England which holds that Hitler has never at any time challenged the integrity of the British Empire or threatened the vital interests of England, and warns the Labour Movement against it.

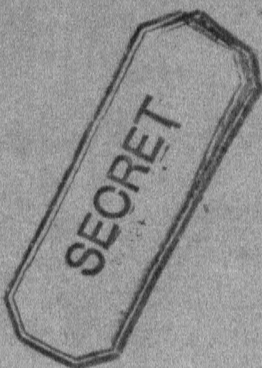
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

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No. 11608
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FROM



To

V.T. Bayley Esqr., I.P.,
Assistant Director (R),
Intelligence Bureau,
Simla.

Dated.....September 1939.

Subject :—

Dear Mr. Bayley,

A packet addressed to P.K. Das, Esqr.,
80, Park Street, P.O. Circus, Calcutta, and containing
a copy each of the following books was intercepted at
the G.P.O. Calcutta, in the Inward Foreign Mail on
9.9.39:—

- 1) Lenin & Stalin on Socialist Competition.
- 2) "The Shadow Before" by William Rollins, Jr.
- 3) "And quiet flows the Don" by M. Sholo Khov.

All the books are published by the
Co-operation Publishing Society of Moscow.

Nos. (2) and (3) are harmless novels.
No. 1, however, seems to be an objectionable publication
and is, therefore, sent herewith for perusal and
favour of opinion regarding manner of disposal.

The packet was sent by P.K. Das, c/o
Intourist Hotel Metropole, Moscow.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- P. Biswas.

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Memo No11602/11.....Dated ...13.9.39.....

Copy forwarded to, P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P., Deputy
Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, for
information and favour of a report on the addressee.

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SPECIAL SUPERINTENDENT., I.B.

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Intercepted on Foreign packet
 from Braden St. P.O. on 10.9.39
 addressed to the Editor Congress
 Socialist, 20, Cornwallis St.
 Calcutta, India, from New
 York. Containing a copy
 of Workers ^{INDEXED} ^{Ch.} Vol 8. No 33.
 9 19 Aug 39.

Packet attached
 herewith.

Submitted
 H. S. Gupta
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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

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(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

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From New York.

To Editor, Congress Socialist, 20, Carnwallis
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No. 25776; dated 15. 9. 39.

S.M. 54/39

Enclosures.

Dear -

With reference to your No. 9892/65-39 (Int.) dated 9.8.39, I write to inform you that Rev. Nripen Ghosh lived at the Baptist Mission, College Square, as a boarder, and about two months ago shifted towards Ballyganj side. His address here however could not be ascertained.

Haihai Kshatriya Tribak is the name of a Hindi monthly journal edited by Bairi Nath Singh S/o Ganga Prasad Singh of Pindara, Fulpur, Benares and of 22, Ramtani Bose Lane, Calcutta. This Bairinath was formerly the editor

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No. *29986-C* dated *15. 9. 39*

S.M. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear.

With reference to the correspondence resting with ~~my~~ you No. 3/Int/39-II dated 6. 9. 39, I write to inform you that the August issue of the ^{INDEXED.} 'Left Forum' has been withheld by me as it was found to be objectionable.

A review of the periodical prepared by one of my officers is sent herewith for your information.

Yours etc.,

ps. 281-279
Issue

Please type three copies of the review.

d. 1/9/39

Noted in Wk. 15/9.

7.10.1939
J. D.C. S.B.

To:-

1. D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Assam, Shillong.
2. Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B. Bengal, Calcutta.
3. Spl. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Bihar, Patna.
4. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Orissa, Cuttack.
5. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. C.P. Nagpur.
6. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, C.I.D. Poona.
7. Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Delhi.
8. Supdt. of Police, S.B. & C.I.D. Madras.
9. Asst. to I.G. of Police, C.I.D. N.W.F.P. Peshawar.
10. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B., Punjab.
11. Supdt. of Police i/c S.B. & C.I.D. Sind, Karachi.
12. Asst. to D.I.G. of Police, S.B. U.P. Lucknow.
13. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Bombay.
14. Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B. Calcutta.

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Copy forwarded, for information to:-

1. P.A. to D.I.G. of Police, Rlys. & C.I. Burma, Rangoon.
2. Senior Supdt. of Police, Quetta.
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4. Secy. to the Resident, Baroda & Gujarat States, Baroda.
5. Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident for Central India,
Criminal Branch, Indore.
6. Asst. to the Resident, Kashmir.
7. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident, Mysore, Bangalore
8. I.G. of Police, Ajmer-Merwara and Police Asst. to
the Hon'ble the Resident for Rajputana.
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Rajkot.
11. Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident in the States
of Western India, Rajkot.
12. Superintendent, Foreign Post, Bombay.
13. Director, Special Branch, S.S. Police, Singapore.
14. Commandant of Mily. Police & Dist. Supdt. of Police,
Port Blair.
15. Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

V. Baskey
Assistant Director (R).

M.T.
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No. 14/Inter/39-II.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),

Government of India,

Simla, dated the

18 SEP 1939

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

The marginally noted book has come to notice.

INDEXED
"RUSSIA: FRIEND OR Foe?"
by Pat Sloan, published
by Frederick Muller,
London.

2. It is covered by the General
Communist Notification and considered
objectionable. Copies seen in
the post should be withheld from delivery.

3. There is no objection to the above information
being published in Secret Abstracts.

V. T. Baskin
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (R).

SSS/-15.9.

Memo: Dir. I. B. 981. C Dated 20.9.39
S.M. 5/4/39 —" —

Copy forwarded to Asst. Collector and
Supdt. Preventive Service, Customs, Calcutta,
for information and necessary action.

Sd/- K. H. R.

For Dy. Commr. of Police,
Special Branch, Cal.
20/9/39.

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SOCIALISM: 22-9-39.

277. Communist Publications.

C.L.18
20-9-39

It is reported that Suren Dutta (C.P.I.) collected a bundle of books, mostly of the Left Book Club, in his house on 13-9-39 for sending them to the offices of the Mymensingh & Chittagong Students' Federations and the Comilla Kisan Sabha through Gopal Acharji (C.P.I., E.D.), Ranadhir Das Gupta (C.P.I.) and Atin Roy (E.D.) respectively.

Memo no. S.M. 514/39.c Dated. 7.10.39.

Copy forwarded to:-
(1). SP. Mymensingh
(2). " Chittagong
(3). " Tipperah

for information.

cf. SP. no. 8296 C/S.
Dated 28.9.39.
SA R/31880 D-28.9.39.

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of Capitaler Sanskrit
2277. See note S. M. 514/39

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by Belhuti Bhusan
at the Shamsundar
Press situated at
4 Tran Water Sen Lane.

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Ref. report of C.L. III ⁵⁸/₅ 22.8
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I asked C.L. III but he could not
supply the name of the printer and
the name and address of the press
where the book "Full Texts of
Marx and Engels in India".

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Submitted

A. S. Khan

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Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

S.M. 514/39

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Re: P.K. Das of 80 Park St.

It transpires on query enquiring that Mr. Praboo Kumar Das - Ad vocate Calcutta High Court, ~~resides~~ at 80 Park St. Das resides at 80 Park St (formerly P. 84 New Park St) He went to England in the middle of this year in order to place a case in the Privy Council and has not returned as yet.

Subscribed
22.9.39

BOOK REVIEW

MULYA, DAR O MUNAFA (Value, Price and Profit, by Karl Marx), translated by Brojbehari Burman, published by the author from Burman Publishing House, 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta. Pp. 111. Price -12/- only.

This Thesis was written by Karl Marx for the General International Congress in September, 1865 and it contains the reply to some vital issues raised by Citizen Weston. During his life time Karl Marx did not care to publish this brilliant piece of writing as the points at issue were exhaustively discussed in the first volume of capital. After the death of F. Engels the article was discovered in the heaps of manuscripts that were stored up in his archive. This valuable and interesting article was first published by Karl Marx's daughter Ellonor Marx Aveling. With its publication the booklet gained so much popularity that it was translated in almost all European languages. In our country Mr. Barman made his best choice to translate this booklet in Bengali. Though the translation is literal the original spirit has been fully maintained. The book is sure to have wide circulation as it contains in a nutshell the marxian Theory of value, which every student of Marxism will be eager to know.

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S H. Standard

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

WEEKLY REVIEW

BAGICHAR COOLIE. (The Tea-Garden Labourer) by Labanya Kumar Chowdhury (D. M. Library, Calcutta) p.p. 239. Price Re. 1-8.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" shocked the world by revealing startling facts about the slaves of America. The present book throws light on the life of Tea Garden labourers of Assam. That province has been known to be the Planters' Paradise; in that paradise there is also still existing a hell side by side. But few were in possession of real facts and of the unbearable state of affairs there. Most people do not like to read reports and go into statistics; the present book, being a novel makes such information attractive and interesting and holds before the public the terrible details of the life of a "coolie." But there are indications that only the surface of things has been skimmed.

The author has introduced a bit of Marxism and socialism in his book and has suggested a constructive programme for the ills of "Coolie" life. But these things do not in the least impede the regular progress of events nor do they take away from the life vividness of the characters. Dipak, Birinchi, Chhaya, Bhulua, Munia, Phoolmani and others live and move in a film. While none of them are very complex in their make-up, they act and re-act on each other and produce a series of events which are touched by an unfulfilled romance of infinite pathos. As a first attempt, the author, deserves commendation.

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of the course of commodity prices from 1929 down to the present time. The full text of which is reprinted in the present issue. It is a direct and indirect business is at inadequate to push prices to any temporary. When attempts are made to revive.

recovery, but this was ended by the Czech crisis, so that by January 1939 the index was back to 94.5. Since then there has been a gradual advance to the June figure of 96.1, caused at least in part by purchases for armaments or to accumulate war stocks. While the concern of monetary and economic policy is natural with commodity prices in general, it is useful to consider how closely the more important commodities have followed the general trend. Among foodstuffs, wheat touched bottom in 1931, and made no pronounced recovery until the winter of 1936-37, when a reduction in the northern hemisphere crop brought a rapid rise. The 1929 price level was regained, but not the higher prices of 1927 and early 1928—before forecasts of the latter year's bumper harvests began to depress value. Since 1936, with heavier crops, wheat prices have again sagged to the levels of the depression.

REVIEW

JEEBAN PROBHA (Current of Life)

by Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee.
Published by S. Kshitish Chandra
Rai Choudhuri, 90, Vivekananda
Road, Calcutta. To be had of all
principal book-sellers. Price Rs 3/-.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee is one of the most respected political leaders of Bengal whose reputation has extended beyond her borders. As the founder of Abhaya Asram which played such a conspicuous part in the last non-cooperation and civil disobedience movement, his name is in fact well-known to every Congress worker of the land. The publication in question is his autobiography. In simple, chaste, elegant and yet forceful Bengali, Dr. Banerjee has told his life-story in a manner which has become more interesting than even a novel. As one glances through page after page of the book and gets glimpses of the character and personality of the man one is filled with awe and admiration for the greatness that is revealed. There are few autobiographies which can get beyond the morbid subjectivities of the author and present an impartial and objective estimate of the lives they want to portray. Dr. Banerjee's book stands among these few. He has concealed nothing worth knowing about him from the reader even though considerations of personal prestige or family pride might have prompted a less scrupulous and vain person to keep it away from the public. And yet he has carefully avoided sickening details. What has greatly enhanced the value of the book is the fact that in telling his own life story Dr. Banerjee has presented before us an aspect of the new nationalist movement in Bengal as influenced by the idealisms of Vivekananda, Aurobinda, Tilak and afterwards of Gandhi, an aspect which is not so well-known. The sidelight which in doing this he has thrown on the early life and character of some of our eminent present-day leaders and workers of the Congress is extremely interesting. We have no hesitation in saying that taking all things to consideration the book will be regarded in the Bengali literature as ranking with the celebrated autobiographies of Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, Shibnath Shastri, Krishna Kumar Mitter and Rabindranath Tagore. We shall anxiously wait for the publication of the second part.

A. B. Pabrika

12/9/39

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M. S. Ghant
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MARKET QUOTATIONS

CALCUTTA, Sept. 11.

The market opened this morning with a very healthy tone and there was a very heavy business put in the market both for cash and forward delivery. Every member was anxious to give delivery or to cover before time and to honour his commitments in the market. Never before such a scene was witnessed when every body was anxious to view each other in doing transaction. In fact there was a spirit-de-corps among the members and great liveliness was manifested, and a good amount of shares were delivered.

Quotations for forward transactions for due date ending on the 25th September 1939 until 5 p.m. were as follows:—

Burma Corporation—Rs. 6-4, 6-0
Indian Copper—Rs. 2-8, 2-7
Steel Corporation—Rs. 16-4, 16-0
Indian Iron—Rs. 34-12, 33-12, 34-0
Howrah Jute—Rs. 49-12, 48-12, 49-0.

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West Jambh—33.
Searesole—5-2.
PUTTER:
Barnagore—161, 160.
Belvedere—392-8.
Birga—20-3.
Dalhousie—350.
Gopapore—653-8.
Howrah—59-8, 59-9.
Hukumchand—4-4.
Northbrook—37-10.
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3rd No. , dated

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patch.

No. S.M. 514/39 dated 23.9.39

Enclosures.

Dear Sir,

Will you please let me know, if the following books have come to your notice, if so, favour me with a copy of their reviews:-

1. "Mulya, Dai-O-Munafa" (Value, price and profit) by Karl Marx - translated by Broja Behari Burman, and published by the author from Burman Publishing House 72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

M.S.
21.9.39.

P. T. O.

2. "Teeban Probaha"

(Current of life) by

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banarji.

Published by S. Kshitish Chandra

Rai Chandhuri, 90 Vivekananda

Road, Calcutta

3. "Bagichar Coolie"

(The Tea-Garden labourer)

by Labanya Kumar Choudhury

(D. M. Library, Calcutta).

21.12.12

Yours etc.

21.12.12

YDTC SPB

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P.K. Das stayed for
 Probodh Kumar Das,
 Advocate, Calcutta High Court,
 S/O. Late Rai Sarat Chandra
 Das Bahadur, C.I.E. of-
 Alampur, Patiya, Chittagong
 aged of 80 years stout.

He is now in England
 to place a Case before
 the Privy Council. He
 was granted passport no.
 627 of 20.3.37 to proceed
 to Br. Empire, U.S.A. & the
 Continent. He was a member
 of the B.P.C.C. during the N.C.O.
 movement and attended its
 meetings held in Calcutta. In 1933
 the office of the As. Magistrate
 was shifted in his residence.
 In the same year he presided over
 a meeting at the Albert Hall
 to discuss the Municipal Cows
 and scavenger's strike. He also
 presided over the Conference of the
 B.P.C. held at Albert Hall in Sept '33.

He has been elected as
 the President of the P.K. Green
 Branch of the Hindu Mahasabha
 at a meeting held at 35
 Lower Circular Road on 24.4.39.

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Dear -

With reference to your No. 11602(1)/1 dated 13.9.39, I write to inform you that P.K. Das stands for Probodh Kumar Das, Advocate, Calcutta High Court, & late Rai Sarat Chandra Das Bahadur, C.I.E., of Rampur, Patiya, Chittagong and of 80, Park Street, Calcutta.

Probodh Kumar Das is now in England to place a case before the Privy Council. He was granted passport No. 627 dated 20.3.37 to proceed to the British Empire, U.S.A. and the Continent. He was a member of the B.P.C.C. during

M.I.
28.9.39.

P.T.O.

the N.C.O. Movement.

In 1933, ^{at the Albert Hall,} he presided over a meeting ~~at the Albert Hall~~ to discuss the Municipal Carters' and Scavengers' Strike and also over the B.L.P. Conference. In the same year the office of the All Bengal Labour Party was started at his residence.

In April this year he has been elected President of the Park Circus Branch of the Hindu Mahasava.

Yours etc.,

J. C. S. B.

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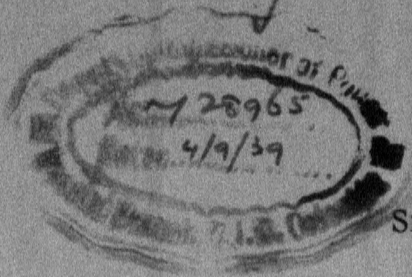
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Calcutta, dated

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10/9/39 12 noon	<p>Intercepted at Bowbazar P.O., a Packet from Victor Gallanez Ltd., 14, Hurricote Street, London, W.C. 2. to Messrs. U.N. Dhur Ho of 58 Wellington Street, Calcutta containing three copies of the book entitled "Europe Since The War" by J. Hampden Jackson.</p> <p>The Packet is submitted herewith for favour of Perusal.</p>	<p>Submitted Valini Mohan S. B. 10/9/39.</p>

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	<p>Attention is drawn to Chapter XII dwelling on the rise to power of the Nazi Party in Germany and the eventual freeing of Germany from the Versailles Treaty. Germany was united and powerful, but it was faced with problems of extreme poverty. The solution was viewed as lying in the expansion of Germany with colonies and conquests. Fear of this expansion of Germany was enough to transform the political situation in Europe. Germany, not Russia, was felt to be the menace to the peace of Europe now.</p> <p>The author points out that even after Britain's rapid recovery from the slump it was faced with grave internal and empire problems affecting Palestine, Egypt and India. The author concludes the work by saying: "Here (Czech - coup) at last was undeniable proof of aggressive intentions of the Nazi regime. For as in meant war. (after conquest of Albania) In a frenzied hurry, Mr. Chamberlain turned from a policy of isolation to one of guarantees. Guarantees were given to Poland, Rumania and Greece against aggression, but they were worthless with the USSR which had no reason to trust Mr. Chamberlain's change of heart. In the middle of 1939 Great Britain was in the humiliating position of having given promises which she could not hope to fulfil. It was catastrophic for the small states of Europe. Collective Security had vanished, and Europe had returned to power politics and was living, as in 1914, in terror of Germany."</p>	

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P. 90.	<p>Britain before and after the Great war, with more stress being laid on the economic and industrial side. A strong Conservative Government was returned as against the menace and terror of Bolshevism which ran high in Great Britain in 1924. Referring to the British Commonwealth of Nations the author states, "Two members of the Commonwealth stood in a peculiar relation to Great Britain. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa could make their own terms with the mother country, but India and Ireland were open to a certain degree of economic dictatorship. It so happened that in both these countries there was a powerful faction ready to make rebellion to throw off all connection with England at the first hint of economic pressure from London."</p> <p>The ^{sub-}Chapter on "India" at pages 91-92 is altogether <u>bad and objectionable</u>. The author analyses in brief the course of Anglo-Indian politics and up to the present times. Quoting Gandhi's views, the author points out that the British had given India sanitation and some physical advantages but they had oppressed the people by commercial ^{commercial} extortion and had hurt the spirit of Indians by making them labour under a constant feeling of inferiority. Under pressure of Satyagraha the British Government granted the new constitution and certain powers of self-government which the Congress regarded as sham. It was certain that there would be further resistance to British rule in the future as the Indian problem is still unsolved.</p>	

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	<p>describes that the rise and growth of the German youth movement was characterized by an aversion of the young Germans from the galley-slave existence which was forced on the country and also by a spirit of revolt against the Versailles Treaty. The author writes about the coming of Hitler to lime light and the part^{part} programme and aims of the National Socialist Party as depicted in Hitler's memoirs "Mein Kampf." In describing Hitler's unprecedented victory at the polls, he says that 1933 had found Germany magnificently equipped ideologically.</p> <p>In Chapter VI he discusses threadbare the problems of France and her relations with Germany and Italy. He regards France as the villain of the piece who urges the crushing of Germany by a murderous treaty and who forces England to join her in squeezing Germany. It was France who led the Allied intervention against Communism in Russia. France inveighs against Fascism. France is the great obstacle to the establishment of a new era in Europe. It was natural enough that Germany should see nothing but anti-Germania in France's alliances and in her insistence on the enforcement of the Versailles Treaty.</p> <p>In Chapter VII he discusses the problems of the smaller states of Central Europe.</p>	

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The author then surveys the great work of Lenin in re-constructing Russia politically and economically after the victorious termination of the civil war. Lenin had accepted as his creed the Marxian creed of Communism. In paying a tribute to Lenin, the author says that while Western Europe reviles Lenin as a butcher of men, Russia recognizes him as a selfless disciple of the creed of Communism and idolised him even after his demise.

In Chapter IV the author delineates the regeneration of modern Italy under the banner of Mussolini risen to power and the evolution of the cult of fascism with which Italy is imbued and identified. The author refers to the present state of irreconcilability between fascism and Catholicism.

In Chapter V the author details on the post-war conditions of Germany verging on chaos and internal confusion. He points out that the new Weimar Constitution of the centralized democratic German Republic could not work in view of the Versailles Treaty. In point of fact, the Treaty licensed the persecution of Germany by the victorious Powers. Under that persecution the Weimar Constitution creaked and groaned for eleven years until at last Germany was driven to a state of revolution which made constitutional government a force. In tracing the effects of the persecution on the German nation, the author

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P. 33	<p>The author states that he has seen very little in the above but negative, almost primitive principles in the peace treaties. The slogan of the Conference seems to have been "Make Germany Pay." The success of the Paris Settlement was made dependable on the work of the League of Nations. The Paris Settlement was the triumph of Clemenceau of France. The League was created to preserve peace in Europe, but the author shows in succeeding chapters that it failed to bring peace to Europe.</p> <p>In Chapter III the author narrates the civil war in Russia. He traces the defeat defeat of the White Russians at the hands of the Bolsheviks to the fact that the Whites did not know whether they were fighting for a constitutional Republic or for Tsarism. Their Councils were confused by the presence of British and French agents who were fundamentally more interested in commercial concerns than in Russia herself, and were obviously working for some sort of subservient government that would fulfil the commercial and financial programme they had in view. The author has quoted this from an English historian. In contrast to this there were the organized Red forces fired by the same ideal - the ideal of a Communist Russia. The Red victory was also due to the personality of the Bolshevik war lord, Trotsky. The author opines that more effective than any other factor in bringing victory to the Bolsheviks was the personality of Lenin himself in whom the whole business of government was centred.</p>	

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Describing at great length what the author considers as punishment inflicted on Germany by the Treaty of Versailles, he says that Germany was an industrial nation depending for subsistence on her mineral resources and on her foreign and colonial trade. The Treaty demanded that Germany should give up her coal and iron: Alsace-Lorraine and the Saar coalfields to France, and the upper Silesian area to Poland. And it systematically ruined her trade: her mercantile marine was to be confiscated. She was to be deprived of her colonies and even those great internal arteries, her rivers, were to be put under international administration. In addition to the loss of so much territory, to the payment of an unspecified indemnity, to the loss of most of her minerals and of her trade, Germany was to be saddled forever with the sole guilt of the war.

In agreeing with Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German spokesman allowed to address the Treaty Council under strong ~~press~~ ^{pressure}, the author says "those who sign this Treaty will sign the death sentence of many millions of German men, women and children." This was true. Germany was in a dilemma over consenting to the Treaty terms which, if accepted, would cripple her. Failing acceptance, the Allies would march on Berlin and she would be crushed. So Germany forced herself to consent.

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	<p>Rf 29807 of 11.9.39</p> <p>review of "<u>Europe Since the war</u>" by J. Hampden Jackson - published by Victor Gollancz Ltd, and printed in Great Britain by Camelot Press Ltd.</p> <p>In Chapter I the author gives a few glimpses into the Bolshevik revolutions in Russia and Germany during the last Great war. While comparing the then revolutionary conditions in both the countries, the author pays a warm tribute to Lenin and remarks that the German revolution for the establishment of Bolshevism was destined to fail in the absence of leaders of Lenin's calibre. Other reasons as pointed out by the author in this regard were that in Germany, as in Russia, the Liberals were driven out by a rising of the people. But in Germany there was a middle class strong enough to retain the forms of Parliamentary Government and capitalist organisation. In Russia the middle class gave way to the rule of the Proletariat guided by the genius of Lenin.</p> <p>In Chapter II the author discusses the Peace Treaty after the Great war and shows how the meeting was saturated with anti-German feelings. It is said that President Wilson was in favour of realization of a fair peace, but he was completely manoeuvred out of position and his dream of a fair peace has vanished.</p>	

No. 29807 - Dated 13.9.39.
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To. Assistant Director (R.) - Simla.

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EXPRESS LETTER.

The undersigned will be glad to know whether the following publication has come to the notice of the Intelligence Bureau and, if so, whether it comes ~~they come~~ within the scope of the General Communist Notification. Does a review of its ~~their~~ contents suggest that action is possible or desirable under any other law? The publication is ~~publications are~~ being detained pending receipt of a reply to this letter.

O.C. Sd/- K.H.R.
13/9.

For Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Cf. ps. 303 + 301.

<u>Title.</u>	<u>Author.</u>	<u>Publisher.</u>	<u>Printer.</u>
<u>"Europe since the war"</u> ^{INDEXED}	J. Hampden Jackson	Victor Gollancz Ltd., London	Carnegie Press Ltd., London.
<u>"Labour" - The workers' magazine</u> ^{INDEXED}	-	National Council of Labour, Transport House, London.	Co-operative Printing Society Ltd., London.
Vol. I. - July 1939 - No. 11.			

Reply at p. 372.

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S.M. 514/39 ✓
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA:

I.B. Home DEPARTMENT.

EXPRESS LETTER

[N.B.—This is an ORIGINAL MESSAGE, sent by post to save telegraphic expense and undue use of the wires, but intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To save time and formalities it is worded and signed as if it had been so despatched.]

FROM

ASST. DIRECTOR (R), INTELLIGENCE BUREAU,
(HOME DEPARTMENT), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, SPECIAL BRANCH,
CALCUTTA.

SECRET.

No. 3/Inter/39-II, Simla, Dated 18th September, 1939: 12.311.

Please refer to your Express Letter No. 29807/S.M./514/39, dated the 13th September, 1939.

2. The book ^{INDEXED} "Europe Since the War" by J. Hampden Jackson, falls within the scope of the General Communist Notification and may be withheld from delivery. ^{INDEXED} ② "Labour: The Workers' Magazine" is not covered by the G.C.N. and copies seen by us have been allowed to pass.

Asst. Director
Personal with reference to
papers below. For orders.
18.9.39
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Review of "Labour" - the workers' magazine
No. 11, Vol 1, for July, 1939. (Attached)

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This is the official organ of the I.L. and
Labour Party, published by the National
Council of Labour, Transport House, Smith
Square, London SW 1, and printed by the
Co-operative Printing Society, Ltd., Finsbury Street
London, E.C. 4.

The crime is pronouncedly anti-Nazi
and anti-German. The vacillating and
halting policy of Britain in regard to the
materialization of the Anglo-French-Russian
Alliance has been editorially deplored.

Attention is drawn only to the article headed
"Reversion to appeasement?" by Peter Petroff
at pages 20-23. This deals with international
political survey and traces the reasons and
suspicions which have resuscitated and
prolonged the "appeasement" policy of Britain
and France in relation to the aggressive powers.
This policy is severely criticized and the
apostles of this policy are said to have no
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Except for this article which is also not
very strong, the issue under review appears to be
an unobjectionable one. D. D. 22/9

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FROM

No. 10697
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25/8/39

Reply at 12.323
To

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Dated..... August, 1939.

Subject :—

Dear Mr. Finney,

Will you please have secret enquiries made and
furnish me with a report on

1. Mr. R. Berkoff,
32, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta. - x
2. Mr. Mahbubul Huq, M.A.,
17/1-a, Gopainagar Road, Calcutta.
3. Dr. Anil Roy, M.B.,
8, Wellesley Street, Calcutta.

Copies of the "Labour Research" and the "Labour
Monthly" were intercepted to these addresses in the
inward Foreign mail on 19.8.39.

Yours sincerely,

25/8

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No. 10695

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FROM

To

V.T. Bayley Esq., I.P.,

Assistant Director (R)

Intelligence Bureau,

Simla.

Dated August 1939.

Subject:—

Dear Mr. Bayley,

I send herewith a copy each of the booklets "Back from the Dead" and "Will it be War?" which together with a copy of the "Labour Monthly", Vol. 21, No. 8, August 1939, were sent in a packet addressed to Dr. Anil Roy, M.B., 3, Wellesley Street, Calcutta, and intercepted in the Inward Foreign Mail on 19.8.39.

Will you please let me know if these booklets fall under the General Communist or any other Notification.

The packet with its contents was withheld.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- P. Biswas.

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Memo No 10695 Dated 25/7/39

Copy forwarded to, P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, for
information.

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25.8.39.

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<p>cf. p. 314</p> <p>Shas For. Sect</p> <p>also</p> <p>10</p> <p>31/8</p> <p>Mr. Dias</p> <p>To Sec. pl.</p> <p>he</p> <p>31/8</p>	<p>R. Derkoff</p> <p>R 27702 825/8789</p> <p>On Confidential enquiry</p> <p>Date at 32 Dalhousie</p> <p>Sq. traced Mr. Derkoff</p> <p>INDEXED</p> <p>is a Solicitor of Orr Dignam</p> <p>Co., said Khone came</p> <p>but to India about 4</p> <p>years ago having</p> <p>an English domicile</p> <p>evidently with an alien</p> <p>origin as his name suggests</p> <p>This name has not been registered in</p> <p>Lalbagh-alias department.</p> <p>Ben Sec. Secy</p> <p>30/8</p>	<p>66</p> <p>30/8</p>

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From Inspector

Prasenjit Kumar Roy Chowdhury

D. D.
S. B. Calcutta, dated

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Ref: 27702 of 25.8.39.
Re: Dr. Anil Roy of
3 Wellesley St.

6/6/39

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Dr. Anil Roy has
got his Chamber in the
1st floor of 3 Wellesley
St, which he visits only
for 2 hours in the evening.
It is difficult to meet
him then as I am generally
booked for meeting in the
evening. The doctor
lives at 56/2 Upper
Circular Road, where
D.O. Concerned may try
to get his particulars.

Submitted
Prasenjit Kumar Roy
Chowdhury
4.9.39.

Beng. No. 4502

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From Inspector

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Date and
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks
and Orders.

Re- Particulars of Dr.
Anil Ray vide R 27701
of 25.8.39

Cf. 314. B. 17.

Dr. Anil Ray (40) m. B.
is a son of Dr. Benu
Musan Ray of 56/2
Upper Circular Road.
He is a Calcutta
man and lives with
his father at the above
address.

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SPECIAL BRANCH, C.I.D., CALCUTTA,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 19. 9. 1939

Order at p. XVI NS.

Go at p. 322.

No. 27701 - C
S.

UNDER-SECRETARY, H.D., U/O—

Reliable information has been received that Dr. Anil Roy, M.B.,

56/2, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta

is

~~a member of the revolutionary party~~

~~a post box~~

in correspondence with revolutionaries, communists, abroad

and that the examination of ^{all} his

correspondence is likely to yield information useful to this department.

I would, therefore, request that an order may be issued for the inter-
ception of his ^{all} correspondence at

Ankur St. post office for a period of three months.

Articles intercepted in the post should be delivered to me or to an officer
deputed by me.

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Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta

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SPECIAL BRANCH, C.I.D., CALCUTTA,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 19. 9. 1939.

Orders at XVI-U.S.

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correspondence is likely to yield information useful to this department.

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Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta

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dated the 19th September 1939.

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W. H. Hunter

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA/

The 26th September 1939.

Dr. 723/39

I. P. Sen / 20.

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AC. S.B.
27/9/39.

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Only issued by me +
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29.7.39.

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Government of Bengal

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No. P. S.

FROM **W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,**

Under

Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

Dharamtala

Calcutta

..... Post Office, District.

Calcutta/~~Barjeeting~~, the ^{26th} **September** 19 **39.**

SIR,

In exercise of the power conferred by section 26 (1) of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, the Governor is pleased to direct the interception of all ~~postal~~ foreign postal articles which may be discovered in the course of transmission by post addressed to **Dr. Anil Roy, M.B., 3, Wellesly Street, Calcutta.**

I am to ask you to be good enough to forward or hand over all intercepted articles to the ~~Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Intelligence Branch,~~ ~~C.I.D., Bengal,~~ the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, or to an officer deputed by him.

If any articles is not required it will be returned to the postal authorities for delivery to the addressee. These orders will remain in force for a period of **three** months from date.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. W.H.Saumarez Smith,

Under

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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W. H. Smith

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA/

The 26th September 1939.

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No. 2258.....P. S.

FROM **W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,**.....

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

Amherst Street.....Post Office,.....**Calcutta**.....District.

26th
Calcutta/~~Barisal~~ the.....**September**.....19**39**.

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SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. W.H.Saumarez Smith,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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		Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated	Date of Despatch.

No. 2702-C, dated 27. 9. 39
S.M.

Enclosures,

Dear,

I write to inform you, that the particulars of the three individuals mentioned in your letter No. 10697/65-39 (Int). dated 25/8/39, are as follows:-

(1). Mr. R. Berkoff has been traced at 32, Dalhousie Square. He is a Solicitor of Messrs. Orr Sigman & Co., and is said to have come out to India about 4 years ago. We have nothing against him.

(2). Mr. Mahbubul Haq, M.A.B.L., M.L.C., is the late Emanuel Haq, of 17/1A, Gopal-nagar Road, Calcutta. He is aged about 50 years and is employed as a pleader in the Alipuri Judge's Court. He was connected with the Indian Seamen's Union and was sent to Geneva ^{in 1928} as an

Indian
adviser to the workers' delegate.
He is reported to be ~~unconcerned~~
unconcerned with politics at
present.

(3). Dr. Anil Roy S/o Dr. Benay.

Blusian Roy of 56/2, Upper Circular Road is a Calcutta man and lives at the above address. He has a chamber in the 1st floor of 3, Wellesley Street, which he visits daily for 2 hours in the evening.

we have nothing against ^{20/2} ~~him~~ _{it}

Yours etc. m. a.

I write to inform you, that the
 conditions of the three individuals mentioned
 in your letter of 27/12-39 (enc. dated 22/12-39) are as follows:

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No. S.M. 514/39 dated 4. 10. 39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

* p. 278.

p. 291.

with reference to your Nos. 615/6-39 ^{p. 277.}
and 616/6-39 dated 9. 9. 39, I write to inform
you ^{that} the book "Capitala Saikshipta Sar" is
printed by Bibhuti Bhushan Pan at the
Shamsundar Press at 4, Pan Nath Sen
Lane, Calcutta.

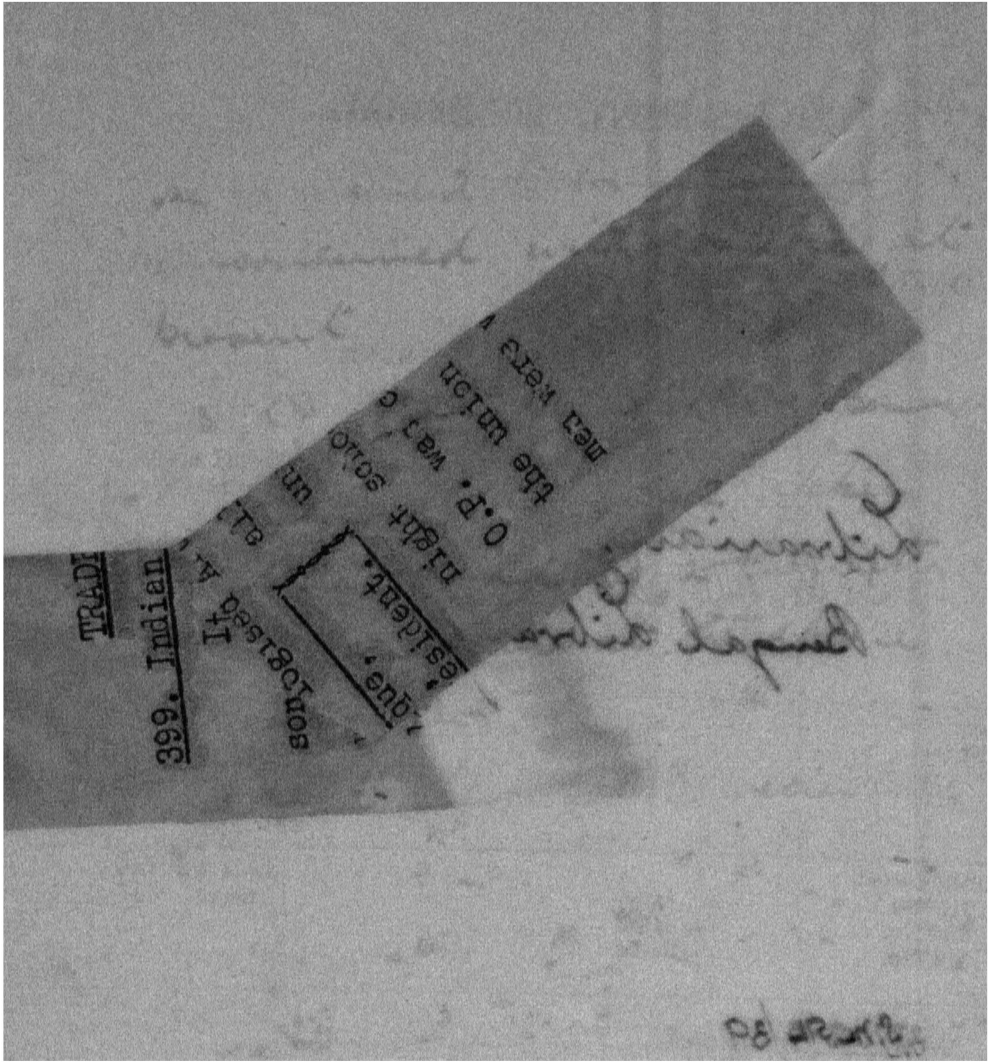
p. 292.

The name and address of the printer
and the press from where the book "Full
Text of Marx and Engels in India" ^{was printed} are not
available.

Yours Sincerely,

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H.O.C. S.P.



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5. Communist Publication.

About one hundred copies of a Gurmukhi booklet are reported to have been brought to Calcutta recently but ^{recd.} Kartar Singh Layalpuri, who is at present residing here with ^{INDEXED} Hazara Singh Akali (Ghadr). The booklet has been printed and published by the 'Kirti Lehar' office. Meerut and is being sold here with the help of Hazara Singh Akali and Bir Singh (Ghadr), at three pice per copy. The booklet is published in furtherance of Bolshevik propaganda. It praises the Government of Russia.

Memo No. S.M. 514/39 D/3.10.39.

- ① Punjab S.B.
- ② U.P. S.B.

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector B.K. Sen Gupta

of ^{D.D.} Calcutta, dated 21-9- 19 39
S. B.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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21/9/39 5 PM	Intercepted at Bontagar P.O. a packet from Alfred Royle & William, Ltd, 91/3, Milton St. London E.C.2. addressed to Messrs M.N. Dhar & Co, 15, College Square Calcutta containing—	
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1) ^{INDEXED} China's red army

Library No E 208
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Marches by Agnes
medley published
from London by Lawrence
and Wishart Ltd

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2) ^{INDEXED} An introduction
to the theory of statistics

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by G. Wong Yule &
M. G. Kendall.

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Submitted
B.K. Sen Gupta
8/8/39

21/9/39

Very Secret

23/9/39 SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 21st of Sept. 1939

From Alfred, Royle & William Ltd
91/3 Milton St - London
To Messrs H. W. Phan, 15 College
Square - Calcutta

Language of letter book - English

Post office of interception..... *Bombay*

Date of letter.

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed. B.R. Sen Gupta

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No. 31179 - C, dated 4.10.39
S.M. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear Mr. Bayley,

In the Inward Foreign Mail of 21/9/39, a packet from Alfred Bayle & William Ltd., 91/3, Milton Street, London, addressed to Messrs H. N. Dhar, 15, College Square, Calcutta, was intercepted at the Bow Bazar Post Office, containing the following books:-

- (i). "China's Red Army Marches" by Agnes Smedley, published from London by Lawrence and Wishart Ltd.
- (ii). "An introduction to the theory of Statistics" by G. Udny Yule and M. G. Kendall.

As the first mentioned book falls

Noted in W.R.

28/9.

within the scope of the G.C.
notification, the packet has
been withheld.

Yours etc,

(2) in add
J.C.C.B.

Memo no: 31179 - c 5.
8m: 5/4/39

Copy forwarded to J.S. III S.B.,
for information.

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may receive the V. P. P. on
Monday morning.

Yours Truly,

(stt) Swijendra Mohan
Hoitra.

The list of books.

1. কামিনী-এ স্নান (Kamini Bhawan)
2. মল্ল-এসিয়ার বঙ্গ (Mall Asia's
B. alstahik).
by Satish Ch. Sarkar.
3. বিপ্লব ও কামিনী (Biplab pathe Russia)
by Amulya Adhikary.

My Address :- Mr. Swijendra Mohan Hoitra.

% Babu Surendra Mohan Hoitra.
H. L. H.

P.O. Chhoremara
Rajshahi.

Submitted.

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Banerjee
H. S. B.

29/9/38.

From - A.S.I. M.C. Banerjee

28.9.38.

From: - Mr. Swijendra Mohan Moitra.

c/o Babu Surendra Mohan Moitra
M.L.A.

P.O. Ghoramara.

Rajshahi

To, Messrs - Barman Publishing House,
72, Harrison Rd.
Calcutta.

P.O. mark of issue Ghoramara 8 28 Sep '39
Intercepted at the Ambherst St. P.O. before sealed
on 29.9.38. Copy of the letter in English (typed)

"Bandematram"

Rajshahi.

Thursday

29.9.39.

To, Messrs Barman Publishing House.

Dear Sirs,

Please send me the

following Bengali political

books at your earliest

convenience. So that I

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M 32180
2/10/39

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the 6. 10. 1939.

Memo. No. 32180
S.M. 514/39.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/~~Foreign~~ Mail of

the 29 of 9 1939

From Mr. Swijendra Mohan Moitra c/o Babu Suresh
Mohan Moitra. H. L. A. P.O. Ghoramara. Rajshahi.
To Messrs. Barman Publishing House. 72. Harrison Rd.
Calcutta.

Language of letter English

Post office of interception Amherst St. P.O.

Date of letter 29. 9. 39.

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Copies forwarded to S.P. Rajshahi / 103

Page 100.

Not only this, with the help of the middle class people possessed of an acute interest the obtuse rich are ~~with~~ controlling the state craft of the country, and are inventing new means of exploiting the poor by the enactment of convenient and opportune laws. In the matter of exploiting the poor, the middle classes are at one with the rich. In reality they are of the same species. Therefore, our object is to annihilate the middle class people as a class simultaneously with the destruction of the capitalists.

Page 103.

Unless a violent revolution can be brought about by imprinting (lit. drawing a picture of) the conflicts of class interests in the minds of the peasants and labourers, how shall the programme of our future actions be given a start.

Page 105.

Hence my belief is that without a gigantic revolution, it will be impossible to wipe these believers in vested interests off the body politic.

SBauey
7.10.39.

The ^{mean}~~human~~ mentality of all (whether they are) kings, Zamindars or millionaires to keep ninety per cent of the people deprived of their legitimate dues, - this is called the trader's mentality - the "profiteering mentality". * * * *. What is most strange is that all over the world the wages that the owners pay to labourers are treated as a part of the cost of production. Hence the less the cost on account of wages, the cost for production also would be proportionately the less, and the profit the more. ~~For~~ This vulgar mentality is the cause of the exploitation of labour.

Page 98.

land That a few Zamindars will remain the masters of all
/ in the country will not be brooked by us.

Page 99.

We want equal distribution of wealth. In our opinion, the state will be the owner of the entire wealth produced by the country. In one word - (we want) state ownership of all property.

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Chhaya (a character) says - That means the complete (lit. radical) destruction of not only these tea gardens owned by foreigners but of all capitalists, rajahs, zamindars, merchants etc.

Yes, that is so. For man cannot for ever put up with such an intolerable condition. Inequality of wealth is the root cause of all the mal-practices, injustices, oppressions, thefts, dacoities, unrests, wars. Do you know, Miss Dutt, how these gangs of avaricious people suck the poor? They do it with the help of the middle classes.

occured to him that for having given a straight reply to his own father a cooly was given such a blow that a tooth of the poor fellow was broken causing ceaseless loss of blood.

Page 94.

(In the course of discussing the work of uplifting the coolies, one character says)

No, it is not a mistake, Miss Dutt. Where is there room for any doubt that the capitalists should thus take advantage of the helplessness of the poor. This is the common capitalist mentality in the modern world.

Page 94.

In the present capitalist age, the objective of business is to swell the figure of one's ~~profits~~ own profits by depriving the coolies and the labourers of their legitimate dues.

Pages 94-95.

I am speaking of those unfortunate ones only, because they are not getting a legitimate share of the wealth they produce by bartering their labour, nay why labour only, by bartering their (own) bodies.

Page 96.

We want to build up a totally new state on a new foundation in which there will be no distinction between the high and the low, the big and the small and the rich and the poor, and in which every human being will have equal right to the wealth produced by the society. Our motto is, in one word, "You are for the state, the state is for you, you are not for yourself alone"

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Bagichar Kuli (The Tea-plantation Cooly) by Labanya Kumar Choudhury, is a book in Bengali, containing a story of a philanthropic attempt on the part of the owner of a tea garden to improve the lot of labourers in tea plantations. They are taught the necessity of fighting injustice and ill-treatment to which they have so long been subjected by their selfish masters. They are made to realise their legitimate right to a share of the profits of the gardens and the inequity of the present capitalistic system ~~under~~ which keeps them poor while the capitalists grow richer and richer, and which condemns them to a life of want and vice. They gradually come to realise the power of unity and organisation and when opposition comes from the capitalist owners of other gardens, it has to give way to the gathering force of the demands of the coolies, prepared to face boldly any oppression and imprisonment. Realising the efficacy of a strike as a weapon to fight their masters they resort to it with complete, though not easy success.

Translation of some of the note-worthy passages occurring in the book, are given below :

Pages 18-19.

Once Johnson Sahib kicked a pregnant cooly woman and as the result of it, the unfortunate woman died the same night after giving birth to a still-born child. And why in the time of Mr. Johnson alone, today also bursting of the spleen from kicks with boots, is not much of an impossibility. Only the other day a cooly girl died in that way in a garden at Jorhat. It just

Bagichar Coolie (The Tea-plantation

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BENGAL LIBRARY.

WRITERS' BUILDINGS.

Calcutta, dated the 7th Octr., 1939.

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Dear Sir,

Please refer to your D.O. no. S.M.514-39, dated the 23rd September, 1939.

Of the three books mentioned by you "Jeeban Prabaha" by Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, has not yet been received in the Bengal Library. A review of "Bagichar Coolie" by Labanya Kumar Choudhury is enclosed herewith.

"Mulya, Dar O' Munafa" by Braja Bihari Barman which has recently been received is under examination.

Yours sincerely,

AK Datta Gupta

Librarian, Bengal Library.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

9/10/39

GANDHISM
 G. D. HISM—An Analysis: By P. Spratt. Published by the Huxley Press 114, Armenian Street, G. T. Madras. Pages 516, price Rs. 28.

At the very outset the author confesses that his book has no political outlook. 'It is an attempt', as he says, 'to state what seems to a socialist important about Mr. Gandhi's achievements in the past. Its task is not to say what socialists ought to do in the future. It has however some political drift, which becomes * * * but I am not sure that the policy it suggests is practical, and am not here concerned to propagate it.'

So the first twenty-two chapters of the volume concentrate upon an adumbration of Mr. Gandhi's achievements along with an analysis of the circumstances that obliged him to have formulated a policy based on a peculiar principle all his own. And the last chapter is laden with 'some political drift' as conceived by the author himself.

It is very often forgotten that India is not Europe. This neglect of differences between Europe and India is responsible for situations far off from truism. 'If it is remembered that Mr. Gandhi lives in India, it is first necessary to take account of the political isolation of the country. Marxists think of the world as a whole, and regard it as now involved in a crisis, a possible outcome of which is socialist revolution; and they judge all policies and activities in their relation to that possibility.'

But Mr. Gandhi's position is obviously different. Because he confines himself to India, as part of the Indo-British system, and considers no other international relation. In his view, revolution is for military reasons impossible; and on that account, and also because of the level of economic development of the country, socialism of the ordinary type does not appear a practical question. His policy has been devised within these limits, and up to the present their observance has been justified. The collapse of capitalism may be likely or unlikely, near or remote; if it occurs socialism may or may not emerge. Both events are at present quite incalculable. A policy then can be framed in view of one prospect of development or the other, but hardly of both. But a choice must be made. It is a situation in which theory and practice cannot unite.

'His social and economic proposals, the author observes, 'have to be understood in relation to circumstances. The acceptance of socialism requires an imaginative liberation from present conditions of which Mr. Gandhi is incapable. He usually discusses steps which are to be taken now, and must therefore be closely adapted to these conditions. He seems to assume for example that the Indian market will always remain as restricted by general poverty as it is now, so that rapid industrialisation, even if it were desirable, would be impossible. He agrees that "without a material revision of vested interests the condition of the masses can never be improved," but as there is to-day no possibility of legislative action in this direction he contemplates at no stage any method of achieving it other than persuasion and Satyagraha.'

The book containing as it does the inner aspect of things is a triumphant effort and is not only extensively informative but sets people thinking anew of Indian affairs.

A.B. Patrika dated 24/9/29 337

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Yes

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 S.I.P.C.M.
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Bureau of the Census
Washington, D.C. 20540

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D. D. S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

B. S. Ghosh

D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated

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	<p>INDEXED.</p> <p>"Gandhian" by B. S. Ghosh</p> <p>As. D. D. 24.9.39</p> <p>Enquiry made in the division and the newspapers were enquired into but no such book was found on sale in my division</p> <p>Submitted</p> <p><i>B. S. Ghosh</i></p> <p>6/10</p>	<p>6/10</p> <p>6-10.</p>

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all the book shops in
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found - an analysis
by P. Spott - could
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Re a book "Gandhi-ism"
by B. Spratt under A.B.
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among the book sellers
and the book in question
could not be found.

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could not be had in
any book-shop in the
Division.

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Amrita Bazar Patrika
cutting of 24.9.35

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but no such copy could be
obtained.

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Re: Gandhism - an
Analysis by R. S. Pruthi
Ad. dated 24.9.38.

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in the libraries in the
Division, but the above
book could not be
had.

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Anurag A. Bhattacharya
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Referred with
reference to orders at
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the newspaper cutting
below.

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The book as it
appears, is not
available in Calcutta.
It has been published
from Madras.

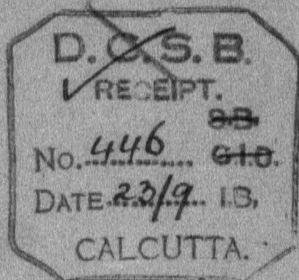
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Extract from A.N.C.(8) dated 19.9.39.

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II. Previously communist literature including magazines and pamphlets used to come to India from abroad through the Bombay Custom House. Owing to the strictness of the Bombay Custom officers, Abdul Halim (ex-det) managed to have them through the Calcutta Custom. But for the last six months or so the Calcutta Customs became more vigilant, so Some Nath Lahiri is reported to have arranged to get them through the Ceylon Custom office with the help of the President of the Ceylon Sama-Samaj Party (Socialist Party) who is a friend of Somenath Lahiri and has got much influence in Ceylon.



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in file SP.501.

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INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, C.I.D.

13, Lord Sinha Road,

Calcutta, the 20th September, 1939.

Memo No. CS 8089(3)/

Copy forwarded to:-

1. T.M. Collins Esq., I.P. Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau, H.D. Govt. of India, Simla with the request to please supply the name of the President of the Sama-Samaj, Ceylon.
 2. J. Hobson Esq., I.P. Assistant to the D.I.G. C.I.D., Bombay.
 3. P.E.S. Finney Esq., O.B.E., I.P. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta.
- for information.

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I.B., C.I.D., Bengal.

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No. 34/Bol/38.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),

Government of India,

Simla, dated the 29th September 1939.

My dear Rai Bahadur,

Will you please refer to your Memorandum No. C.S. 8089(3)/ dated 20.9.39 regarding the ^{INDEXED} importation by the Bengal Communist Party of ^{INDEXED} foreign Communist literature by way of Ceylon.

2. Our records show that the President of the Lanka Sama Samaj Party is Dr. Colvin R. De Silva and that the Headquarters of the Party are at Worker's Resort, 38, Panchi Kawatte Road, Maradana, Ceylon.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- V.T. Bayley.

Rai Prafulla Kumar Biswas Bahadur,
Spl. Supdt. of Police, I.B.,
Bengal, Calcutta.

Copy to :-

✓ P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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WRITERS' BUILDINGS.

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Dear Sir,

Please refer to your D.O. no. S.M.514-39,
dated the 23rd September, 1939. INDEXED.

The book entitled "Mulya, Dar, O Munapha" is a Bengali translation by Braja Bihari Barman, of a book entitled "Value, Price and Profit" ~~is~~ said to be edited by Miss Eleanor Evelin Marx daughter of Karl Marx. It contains an address delivered by Marx at a session in 1865, but not published until after his death. The book sets forth Marx's views on value, price and profit, the principles regulating them and their relations to one another. There is nothing of an objectionable nature in it.

Yours sincerely,

AK Datta Gupta

Librarian, Bengal Library.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

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SPECIAL BRANCH, C.I.D., CALCUTTA,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 17. 10. 1939

Go at p. 360.

No. 24415 .C
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UNDER-SECRETARY, H.D., U/O—

The interception of the correspondence (for a period of three months) addressed to Messrs H. N. Khan & Co.,
15, College Square, Calcutta,

* p. 187.
which was authorised in Government order No. 1689 P.S.
dated the 1. 8. 39, has been carried on with some ~~good~~ results
and I would therefore request that an order extending the period of inter-
ception for a further period of three months may be issued,
with effect from the 1. 11. 39

The order should be on the Bowbazar post office,
which should deliver intercepted articles to me or to an officer deputed by me.

MSA.
16.10.39.

FLA 16.10
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta.

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No. 3637.....
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FROM

734709
23/10/39

To

V.T.Bayley Esq., I.P.,

Assistant Director (R)

Intelligence Bureau, H.D.

Dated.....21st October, 1939..

Subject :—

My dear Bayley,

in C.I.

A book entitled "The New Soviet Constitution" by Anna Louise Strong, New York, and published by Henry Holt & Co., New York, was intercepted at the G.P.O., Calcutta, in the Inward Foreign Mail on 14.10.39.

Will you please let me know if the book, which is sent herewith, comes under the General Communist or any other Notification. It was addressed to Messrs. Thacker Spink & Co., Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. D.A.Brayden.

Memo.No. 13637⁽¹⁾..... d/- 21st October, 1939.

Copy forwarded to P.E.S.Finney Esq., O.B.E., I.P., Deputy Commr., of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, for information.

D.A. Brayden 21/10

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277. Communist publications.

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25-10-39

It is reported that Suren Dutta of the
'National Front' (Calcutta branch) on 21-10-39
received from Deb Kumar Das (E.C.) a collection of

proscribed books. These books are said to have
been given by one Kamal Tewary, to a Bengali youngman
with Communist leanings, proprietor of the College
Café, Bankipur, to be sent to Deb Kumar Das.

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of D. D. Calcutta dated 1-11-29 19

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Intercepted at the Elgin Rd
to at 1/11 one cover (packet)
contg. Three Books with
the following headings

1. SN. in 1/11
4/11

1) Sensations of the Scientific
Standards for World Recon-
struction

2. SN. in 1/11
8/9/29

2) How K. reconstructed India

3) SN. in 1/11
to review by 5th
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3) The New Foundation
of the Government of Narayan-
Kantika.

Narendra (Colin)
S. K. Das.

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Sp. Provincial Govt. Office
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14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the

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(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 186 of Nov - 1939

From Narayana Kandi (Nemmara Cochee S. India)

To Sec. Bone G. Provincial Congress Committee
Calcutta

Language of letter English Proselet.

Post office of interception Algaia

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Reviews submitted below. For orders.
best I don't think they are objectionable
to be detained 2/11/39
Books made over to others for review 4/4

Personal of the note delays.
The delivery is big them
Should we have them reviewed and take action?
JS 4/11/39

sound dynamic lines. This League would ~~initiate~~ in its turn ~~would~~ evolve in the formation of the New Leadership, who would take direct political action. He suggests Co-operation with England in War & Peace if the immediate goal of the independence of India together with her rightful place in the World State Organisation of Internationalism to come, is attained by direct negotiation with the Indian National Congress as the representative of Indian Nation. In default, he suggests the adaptation of direct political action together with International propaganda to attain the ends. Such initial work, the author adds, can alone make India fit for Independence & help her to retain it wisely & well.

Submitted

J. P. Singh
S.I., S.B.
5.11.39.

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Report of review of the book entitled "The New Socialism" by Narayana Kausika. Published by N.G.V. Aiyer of Nemmara, Cochin and printed at the Scholar Press Palghat. Price 12 as. This book is Part III of the book series entitled "The New Evolution of Man" by the same author.

In this book the author has propounded the theory of New Socialism which is a synthesis of Western Socialism & Gandhism, as the only remedy for all the existing evils of the world in its political sphere. The author believes in the sovereignty of the masses and also, the Non-Violence creed of Mr Gandhi, through the adaptation of the Universal Religion or Universal Dharma or the science of Higher life as the author calls it. His theory is based on the economic principles of "Charter of food, Trusteeship of Wealth, and the World Economic Control by the World-State". He preaches the liquidation of the old -world Capitalistic way of life and the organisation of the society on the lines of the New Socialism, for the practical working of which he refers to his books entitled "Sensometer" and "How to reconstruct India". According to him Facism or Nazi philosophy are allied to Imperialism & Capitalism. He strongly supports the Gandhian philosophy & of Non-Violence and Satyagraha for the emancipation of India. He advocates the liquidation of the minorities problem too. To work out his ideology, he also advocates the formation of the "League of New Evolution" on the lines of the existing League of Nations, the object of which would be to capture all political power on behalf of the masses and help India for the attainment of Purna Swaraj.

According to typewritten sheet attached, the author points out that the New Socialism League shall work as a party within the Indian National Congress with the sole object of unifying the different parties and groups in it and intensifying its activities on

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P. 35.

The author is satisfied with the economic aspect of Gandhism and holds that it has achieved its objective partially in solving the economic problems of the people by initiating the programme of spinning, khadi and such other industrial features as represented by the All India Village Industries Association. The author expresses, "the idealism of khadi, of hand-spinning and weaving, is the only practical and wise programme before the country until in the future we establish a balance between industrialism and handicraft in a fully developed Socialist State. Further, I am enamoured of the khadi programme as a means of organization, an instrument of mass contact, a political weapon to attain Swaraj. No other item could outbeat it."

In endorsing and strongly supporting the Wardha Scheme of education the author hopes confidently that it will evolve the new leadership as mentioned by him before, capable of reconstructing India on the basis of his theory of New Evolution. This is a programme of mass education. The author likes to see the Indian masses not groaning under capitalist exploitation but ruffling with education and intelligence which places them in their due place in the shaping of the Indian nation. He also presents a brief scheme for re-organization of village units and for general rural uplift.

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P. II.	<p>in Europe under the aegis of Nazism, Fascism and Communism. The evolutionary method forms the main-plank of the New Evolution as preached by the author who remarks, "Evolutionary, belonging to the truthful level, is built upon the revolutionary foundations but chastened in the principles of Truthfulness, non-violence and love, whereby checking and redirecting the blind and violent method of revolution."</p> <p>Then the author dilates on his theory of new Socialism and urges for a synthesis of both Gandhism and Socialism which will converge together the truthful and Scientific levels in them into a beautiful ideology and acceptable programme. In other words the author prefers the adoption of Socialist principles as applied to Truthfulness, non-violence and love. In the course of an analytical study of Gandhism, he observes that Gandhism must develop into a new, psychological programme containing the new impulses, demands and needs of the new times. Gandhism stands in imminent danger of becoming old, static and dogmatic and requires a reorientation preferably on the lines of Socialism. He criticises Gandhism and Congress Ministries as being too reformist and out of touch with revolution. He feels the need of a sound dynamic organization which is a key to reconstruction.</p>	

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	<p>Rf 35823 of 2.11.39.</p> <p>Re: review of a book entitled "<u>How to re-construct India</u>" by Narayana Kamsika.</p> <p>This is book no. III of the New Evolution of Man Series, published by N. S. V. Arayan from Nammara (Cochin), S. India and printed at the Scholar Press Palghat, and is described by the author as a synthetic approach in the New Evolution.</p> <p>The author prescribes the lines along which India can be reconstructed and her people built up into a healthy and unitary nation. His theory of New Evolution consists in a blending of Science and the moral principles of life and the consequent formation of a new leadership of Scientists of the higher life. The author is a supporter of true democracy which he differentiates from the modern democracy fostered by "Demon Capitalism" and which the author regards as totally incompatible with the Capitalist order of Society. Considering the use and utility of dictatorship in Indian conditions he recommends for acceptance the intrinsic qualities of dictatorship such as, organization, outward discipline and dynamic physical power and he rejects the brand of dictatorship and its violent methods that may be found today.</p>	<p>INDEXED.</p>

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Totalitarian Nations, determine the methods they adopt, have their own grievances & indeed & have some plausible justification in their actions so long as international equality, which & justice have not been established on earth and the control of the world resources & world conscience is a matter of monopoly by some nations.

The Author is an adherent of the ideas of Mr. Gandhi's Truth & Non-Violence (vide p. 16 para 2), and is a denouncer of Democracy (vide p. 14 para 2) & since she is in favour of Nazism & Fascism as stated above.

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In the Case Section's truly reflects and interprets sincere life experiences drawn from
Dr. D. D. D. D.

In this book an estimate has been given of the various personalities & movements in India & the outside world by Tabulata and assignment of marks. The author has assigned greater marks to Nazism & Fascism than to modern democracy, because (as he explains in p. 13 para 1) he says Modern Democracies, in spite of formal protestations, stand largely for conservative & static old world ideas & practices in vested interests, competition & exploitation. They are more Plutocracies than Democracies. The

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Review of a booklet entitled 'Sensorimeter
or The Scientific Standard for
Cold Reconstruction' by Narayana

Kansika. Nennara (Cochin), S. India.
Printed at the Scholar Press,
Palghat.

It is a treatise on a
mathematical measurement of human
values on scientific lines, taking into
full account the subjective values
of life in relation to the ultimate
values pertaining to Truth and the
Author says that the Principle of Continuity

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Copy, together with the orders in original, forwarded to the Deputy
Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta,
for information and necessary action, with reference to his No. 24415-C,
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dated the 18th October 1939.

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Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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The 24th November 1939.

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Government of Bengal

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Political

No. 2528 P. S.

FROM.....W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,.....

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

Bowbazar.....Post Office, Calcutta.....District.

Calcutta/~~Purjeeling~~ the 23rd November 1939.

SIR, dated the 1st August 1939 and
In continuation of this office letter No. 1689 P.S.,/
in ~~in~~ exercise of the power conferred by section 26 (1) of the Indian
Post Office Act, 1898, the Governor is pleased to direct the interception
of all ~~postal/foreign~~ postal articles which may be discovered in the course
of transmission by post addressed to Messrs U. N. Dhar and Company,
15, College Square, Calcutta.

I am to ask you to be good enough to forward or hand over all intercepted
articles to ~~the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Intelligence Branch,~~
~~Calcutta, Bengal,~~ the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch,
Calcutta, or to an officer deputed by him.

If any articles is not required it will be returned to the postal authorities
for delivery to the addressee. These orders will remain in force for a
further period of three months from ~~the~~ the 1st November 1939.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- W. H. S. Smith,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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SOCIALISM. 7. 11. 39.

67. C.P.I.

C.I. 114.
5.11.39.

It is reported that Anil Bhattacharji (C.P.I.) of 42, Badurbagan Street, sells copies of the "National Front" and other communist publications in Calcutta. He also visits the bustees of the labourers, including 58/1, Raja Dinendra Street and exhorts them not to assist in the war preparations of the Government.

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69. Communist Publication.

A white cyclostyled leaflet (foolscap size) in Bengali manuscript headed "Judher Samay Swadhinatar Janya Judha Karo" (During the War fight for Independence. Proclamation of Communist Party on November Revolution Day), has come to our notice. It does not contain the name of the printer or publisher. On the evening of 5.11.39 copies of the leaflet were distributed by a cyclist at the crossing of Cornwallis Street and Shambazar Street. The same evening several copies of the leaflet enclosed in plain white envelopes were thrown on to the pavement from above in front of premises No. 220, Cornwallis Street, where the office of the "Ganavani" is located.

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The leaflet is highly inflammatory, and advocates an anti-war movement, the destruction of the Government and a revolution in India. The leaflet is believed to have been issued by the Communist Party.

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Dear Sirs,

Please send us per V.P.P.
books as per list below to the
following address: -

Russia - 1-8-0	} By Anulky Chandra Adhikari
Communism - 0-6-0	
Sani Sangram - 0-6-0 (সানি সংগ্রাম)	

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Address: - Chapala Sani

Kanyuni Cottage,

Laitumukhrun (?)

Co. Shillong.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- U. Chakravarty (?)
SecretarySubmitted
H. B. ...
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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

of D. D.
S. B. Calcutta, dated _____

31-10-1939 7-45 Am

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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copy of an English letter of 29-X-39,
bearing postal seal of issue
Kajalshara of 29-X-39,

From: - ^{INDEXED.} U. Chakravarty (9)

Secretary,

Luayuni Tea Estate,

P.O. 20. Kajalshara (Sylhet)

To: - M/s. Gurnman Publishing House,
72, Harrison Road,
Calcutta.

Luayuni Tea Estate

Ry. Stn.: - Kulaura, A.B. Ry. P.O. 20. Kajalshara (Sylhet)

Stn. Stn.: - Fenchuganj Bazar

Date 29th Oct. '39

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 8 . 11 . 1939

Memo. No.

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 31 of X 1939. 7-45 Am.

From U Chakravarty (?), Secretary, Duayuni Naikhat,
P.O. & 20. Rajalokha (Sylhet)
To Mrs. Burman Publishing House,
72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

Language of letter English

Post office of interception Ambikah Sh. Co.

Date of letter 29. X. 39

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has
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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 3. of 3 // 1939

From Editor "Socialist Appeal"

To S. C. Sar Kar, 6, Federation St. Cal.

Language of letter English

Post office of interception G. P. O.

Date of letter

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed Asst. Secy Mr. Dey

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of the G.P.O.

the 3rd of Nov. 1937

From N.U. America.

To Rajani Mukherjee Asst. Librarian Vidyasagar College Cal.

Language of letter Newspaper viz "Socialist Appeal"

Post office of interception G.P.O.

Date of letter 19.9.39

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

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Maps or Plans.	To	<i>Librarian, Bengal Library</i>	To be marked for takid.	
Spare Copies.			Department.	
Class of Papers.	SUBJECT :—	<i>Reply at p. 386</i>	Branch.	
			Collection No.	
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated		Number and year of File.	
			Serial number in File.	
			Date of Despatch.	

No. 33427-C, dated 17. 11. 39,
S.M. 54/39.

Enclosures.

Dear .

Will you please refer to your No. 694/6-39 dated 7. 10. 39, enclosing a review of the book entitled "Bagichar Coolie" by Labanya Kumar Choudhury and send me a copy of the book for closer examination and consulting the Public Prosecutor, if necessary.

Yours etc.,

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*16/11.**K. 16/11*
J. D.C. S.B.

Depute an officer to visit the place on the pretext of buying a book. He should have a good look round at the type of book.

Sd/-E.F.

A.C.2.

Inspr.P.Sen

Inspr.S.C.C.

examine the books on the pretext of buying some.

The officers to speak to me for further instructions before the enquiry is taken up.

Sd/-S.Dahar.

28/10.

I.P.Sen.

S.I.,J.D.D.

Pl.speak to D.C.2.

Sd/-K.H.R.

30.10.39.

Spoken.

Sd/-P.Sen.

30.10.39.

III. The "Euro-American Bookshop" situated in front of the Grand Hotel, off Chowringhee, has been recently well stocked with Soviet Russian publications. Khanna, proprietor of the shop, has maintained business connections with American publishers of Radical school. So, he gets regular supply of Communist literature from America. This bookshop is in a very flourishing condition, and its customers are to be found among all communities here. It is a rendezvous for Leftist "advanced" intellectuals of the town.

Sd/-S.Dahar.

26.10.39.

Addl.D.C., S.B.

Re paper enclosed :-

Ref C 112

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INDEXED 1/11/39

The u/s with Inspr S.C.C. visited the book-stall and stayed on there for sometime on the pretext of purchasing books and had a look round the stock of books.

The stock consists of books on :-

- 1) Fiction
- 2) Art
- 3) Sexology
- 4) Nudism
- 5) Politics and Socialism - besides other classes of books.

Books on politics and socialism did not appear to be of considerable number; mention may be made of :-

- 1) Mein Kampf, 2) I was a Soviet worker, 3) Back from the U.S. S.R., 4) Marx and Engels on India, 5) Rise and decline of Marx-ism, 6) Capital, 7) Revolutionary Socialism, 8) Intelligent woman's guide to socialism and capitalism, 9) Jawharlal's auto-biography, 10)

It may be mentioned here that this particular book-stall was searched by us twice before. It may not be likely that the Prop: would care to stock legally offending books publicly.

Lists of books obtained from this stall are enclosed. There are many others however, not mentioned in enclosed lists.

D.C. - Tell C 112 that his alt. is exaggerated. File

Inspr: S.B. 1/11

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Statement of C.112 dated 9-11-39.

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The proprietors of the Euro-American bookshop have a reputation of being veterans in the book-selling trade. Their shop at Chowringhee is a small affair; but they have a godown somewhere, where most of the political and pornographic books are stocked. As their shop was searched before, they never keep objectionable books on their open shelves. They have tried and reliable clients to whom they show the new arrivals. They have been selling publications by Victor Gollancz, publishers of London and by International Publishers of New York (both these publishing houses used to enjoy Soviet subsidies). It is also a fact that men like Dr. Bhupen Dutt and Soumyen Tagore are customers of this shop. Recently the 'Euro-American' bookshop sold copies of a book entitled "Russia, Friend or Foe". Miss Radclyffe Hall's objectionable book on Lesbianism, entitled "Well of Loveliness" was also sold by them.

It is rather difficult for a stray customer to get hold of the copies of such books from this shop. Unless the proprietors are thoroughly convinced of the 'bona-fides' of the customer, they never sell such books to him. It should be recalled that such clandestine methods were followed by proprietors of "Eastern Bookman" (now defunct), a small bookshop at Grosvenor House in 1934. But they came to grief ultimately and Asoke Chatterjee, one of the proprietors who used to stock these books in a private godown, was penalised. The 'Euro-American' bookshop has a branch named "Modern Book Stall" at New Market; and they have itinerant salesman canvassing such books to special customers.

Memo.No.C.112 dated 16th November, 1939.

Copy forwarded to P.Norton-Jones, Esq., I.P., J.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Detective Department, for
information.

Sd/- S.Dahar.
Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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Hindustan Standard 2.11.39

-S. N. M.
LENIN'S BOLSHEVIC PARTY—By

Rebati Burman. Published by
Brojabehari Burman Roy. Bur-
man Publishing House. 72,
Harrison Road, Calcutta. Pp.
126. Price Re. 1/- only.

To study the life of Lenin is to study the history of the Bolshevist Party and to study the history of the Bolshevist Party is to study the history of the Russian Revolution. This is why the terms Lenin and Revolution have become synonymous. If we study the life of Lenin from his birth in 1870 till his death in 1924, we find that it is the life of a revolutionary fully devoted to the cause of the proletarian revolution and destined to establish a socialist state in Russia which would set up an ideal before the world suffering from the inherent ills of the capitalist society. Lenin's mission was successful and the social revolution has begun with the completion of political revolution in Russia. The ideal for which Lenin strove has, in the meantime, been well established and now we find that Leninism has become a great force to mould the destiny of human society.

Comrade Rebati Burman needs no further introduction. In the book under review he has ably thrown spotlights on the great drama of the Russian Revolution in the course of discussing the life and activities of the hero of that drama. We are confident that the book will have an outstanding importance in socialist literature in this country. The language is lucid, the printing is neat and the get-up is excellent.

—A. C. Adhikari.

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ask B.R. for a review

10/7/4

Done
10/7/4

M. K. K. K.

Please reference this
book early.

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Scores:—	
ISLAM GYM KHANA (1st Innings)	
S. Kadri, c Adhikari, b Banerjee	10
A. Hakim, c Mankad, b Puri	0
K. Ibrahim, c Sohoni, b Puri	12
A. Peerbhoy, c Mankad, b Puri	4
E. Manka, c Jagdale, b Puri	0
G. Lalji, b Mankad	33
G. Lalji, c Puri, b Banerjee	23
Zabur Ahmed, c Puri, b Banerjee	0
G. Lalji, b Banerjee	4
M. Ellum, b Banerjee	0
A. Aga, c and b Puri	0
A. Sheikh not out	0
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Total	104
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Mankad 1 for 20; Jagdale 0 for 16 and	
Sohoni 0 for 13 runs.	
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V. Mankad, b Hakim	38
L. Jai, c Manka, b Sheikh	75
K. Ramgankar, c Aga, b Hakim	0
Prithviraj, b T. Lalji	8
M. Jagdale, b-b-w-Hakim	0
H. Adhikari, c Ibrahim, b Zabur	28
Ahmed	28
S. Sohoni, st. Aga, b Zabur Ahmed	28
M. S. Naik retired	32
S. Banerjee retired	33
D. Puri, b Peerbhoy	8
K. Bhandarkar not out	1
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Maps or Plans.	To	Bengal Librarian.	To be marked for takid.
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			Branch.
			Collection No.
Class of Papers.	SUBJECT :—		Number and year of File.
			Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. S.M. 514/39-A, dated 7.12.39 2nd No. " " - B, dated 11.1.40. 3rd No. " " " , dated		Date of Despatch.

No. S.M. 514/39 dated 16/11/39.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honour to enquire whether the book entitled "Lenin - O - Bolshhevik Party" by Lebati Borman, published by Broja Behari Borman Roy, Borman Publishing House, 72 Harrison Road, Calcutta, has come to your notice. If so, a review of the same may kindly be sent to this Office.

I have etc.

12/11/39.

D.C.S.D.

SECRET.

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, C.I.D.,

13, Lord Sinha Road,

CALCUTTA, the 1st. November 1939.

No. 8919

CS/H.O.35 Action.

My dear Finney,

I would be glad if you kindly let me know
if any of the following books can be seized if found :-

14033 1) "Karl Libklekht" by Soumendra Nath Tagore.

SR 683/39 2) "Chashir Katha" by do.

SR 523 3) "Juddha Bidrohi Kano" by Bijon Datta.

SR 520 4) "Fascism O Bharatbarsha" by Paresh Basu.

5) "Amader Dunia" by Sitesh Sen.

(1) This is only by S. Tagore.
Yours sincerely,
madni hat. J. S. R. S. R.

(5) may

for S.S.III., I.B., C.I.D.,
Bengal.

P.E.S. Finney Esq., O.B.E., J.P., I.P.,

Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Special Branch,

Calcutta.

(1) The book has been reviewed & P.P.
said it was not suitable. F/14033

(2) There is ref in F SR 683/39 C.

(3) was seized when S. Tagore was
and. S/Sec. my report what was
late

(4)

ask 1. see to
send up a note
for our reply GC 1.11.39.
JUS 19/11 done
15/11

P.P. below

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Item (1) ~~NO~~ P.P. said "not-actionable" and as such may not be seized.

SL 689/39.
" (2) "Chasin-Katha" - P.P. opined actionable; we have asked D.D. on 9.10.39, to move govt. for forfeiting this book; but we have not heard since as to the action taken by govt. May be seized pending govt's order. (D.D. may be taken into)

~~Done~~
" (3) "Juddha Bivrohi (not Bidrohi) Kena" came to notice in Aug '38 but no action was taken then. we have now asked D.D. to move govt. (soon after 20.9.39) for forfeiting this book in the light of war situation but we have not heard since as to action by govt. May be seized pending govt's order (D.D. may be taken into)

" (4) No action traced from our file (SL 520) re: "Fasim o Marathama"
④ Say not known as the act as prepared
No if there is no ref: to this book

15/11/39
i) Office may draft a reply.
ii) S. Sec may take D.D. in regard to action concerning several books seized recently (SL 689/39) and sent to D.D.

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No. 35660 - 9, dated 17-11-39.

S. No. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear -

With reference to your No. 8919 C.S./No. 35 Actn. dated 1. 11. 39, I write to inform you ~~that~~ as follows:-

①. "Karl Libklickht" came to our notice and P.R. was consulted, who opined that it was not action-able and as such it may not be seized.

②. "Chasin Katha". P.R. was consulted who opined that it was action-able. We have since asked D.D. to move Govt. for forfeiture of this book but have since not

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heard from them ^{as to} the action
taken by Govt. This book
may be seized pending
Government orders.

③. "Juddha Bidrohi (not Bidrohi) Kano".

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but have not as yet heard ~~from~~
as to the action taken by Govt.
The book may be seized pending
Govt. orders.

④. "Fascism O Bharatbarsha" and

⑤. "Anader Dunia". are not
known to us.

Yours etc.,

DC. S. S. S.

16/11.

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BM 514/39

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SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

M 36137
6/11/39

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of *The GPO*
the *3rd* of *Nov.* 1939

From *N.L. America*

To *Editor, Congress Socialist, 20 Cornhill, St. Col. India*

Language of letter *English newspaper viz "Worker's Age"*

Post office of interception *GPO*

Date of letter *30.9.39*

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed *Moumtha Nath Shaw*

Whether photographed or not *not*

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If delivered, whether copy kept or not *attached*

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of the G.P.O.
the 3rd of Nov. 1939.

From NY America

To Vishal Bharat. 120/2 upper circular R. Cal

Language of letter English Newspaper viz "Workers Age"

Post office of interception GPO

Date of letter 9.9.39 (2 copies)

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No. 36/35-C, dated 18-11-39.
S.M. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear.

In the Inward Foreign Mail of the 3rd instant 2 copies of the "Workers Age" Vol 8 No. 36 dated 9.9.39 and one copy of the same paper Vol. 8 No. 39 dated 30.9.39 addressed to "Vishal Bharati", 120/2, Upper Circular Road and Editor "Congress Socialist", 20 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta, respectively, were intercepted at the G.P.O., and withheld up to 25 of the Indian Post Office Act.

Yours etc.,

P.T.O.

F 200 16/11/39
D.C. 13.

Memo no: 36135 - c 27 -
8m-514/39

Copy to S.S. III S.B., for information.

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(J.C. S.B.)
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S. B.D. D. _____
S. B. _____

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

3of D. D.
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Calcutta dated _____ 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	11) Marxhead - Lenin -/4/-	
	12) Leninhead - so -/4/-	
	13) Samajtantar Aottantiki by Rekati Dowman -/4/-	
	14) Communism in Great Britain by Strachey -/2/-	
	15) United Front Tactics -/2/-	
	16) Zotskyism or Leninism - Stalin -/4/-	
	17) Victory of Socialism in U.S.S.R. - Stalin -/4/-	
	18) Communist Congress - Thesis -/2/-	
	19) 18th Congress of C.P. S.R. -/2/-	
	20) Wage - Labour and Capital - Marx -/4/-	
	21) On The People's Front - Dimitroff -/2/-	
	22) The Communist Manifesto - Marx & Engels - Ro. 5/-	

Submitted
11/11/39

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	2) Lenin Bader Party by Monoranjan Roy - 12/-	
	3) Chimer Chhata Andolan by Nipen Ghosh - 13/-	
	4) Bharat Trade Union Andolan by Charani Goswami - 14/-	
	5) 1905 Shalce Biplale (Lenin) by Sunirmal Sen - 14/-	
	6) Marx - by Biseshwar Sengupta - 14/-	
	7) Shantantir Navarup by Kamakhya Bhownik - 13/-	
	8) Hajuri & Puje by Karl Marx - 16/-	
	9) Communist League er Boati by So - 12/-	

10) Anikashik Sahasrab - 20/11/38
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14/-

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector _____

of D. D.
S. B. Calcutta, dated _____

11-11-1939 7-45 AM

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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Gift of a Bengali letter 8-11-39,
bearing postal seal of issue
Gauhati 8-11-39, 3-30 PM.

From:- Haridas Sheka

of Mr. Hakeem Sheka B.L.
Panchagar,
Gauhati

To:- The Managers
Burmese Publishing House,
72, Harrison Road,
Calcutta.

The writer requests the addressee
to send the following books by
railway parcel early to his address.

1) Manxer Sanshan (Historical)
by Honorable Roy - 1/8/

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15/11/39
SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the 23-11-1939

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Memo. No. 37208 - C.
S.M.: 5/4/39

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 11th of November 1939 at 7/45 am

From Haridas Dheka. Co. of Habiram Dheka
Paukazar, Garhali.

To The Manager, Burman Publishing House,
72, Harrison Road, Calcutta.

Language of letter Bengali

Post office of interception Amherst Street PO

Date of letter 9. 11. 39

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has
been photographed H.L. Dasu Roy.

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Interception authorised vide Government Order No. 1446 P.S. 26.6.39

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL

OFFICE OF THE Deputy Inspector-General of Police,
Intelligence Branch, C.I.D.,

All communica-
tions should give the
Number, Date and
Subjects of any
previous correspon-
dence.

Memorandum No. 14629 dated November, the 17 1939.
65-39(Int)

To S

37738
20/11/39

SUBJECT _____

REFERENCE _____

SECRET

Letter No.3/Int/39-II dated 9.11.39 from the Intelligence Bureau, Home Deptt., Govt. of India.

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Please refer to your letter No. 13637 dated the 21st October 1939 regarding the book entitled "The New Soviet Constitution" by Anna Louise Strong, New York.

This publication is covered by the G.C.N. and its circulation is considered objectionable. I have accordingly detained it under section 25 of the P.O. Act.

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Copy forwarded to P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P., J.P. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta for information with reference to this office Memo No. 13637(1) dated 21.10.39.

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Guaranteed
18/11

for SPECIAL SUPERINTENDENT, I.B.

S.M./J.B.
18.11.39.

2.

O.R. 39495.
30.11.39.

No. 99 Diamond Harbour Road, the residence of Khitish Chakravartti (ex-detenu) s/o late Naba Kumar Chakravartti of village Fatehbad, P.S. Hat Hazuri, Dist. Chittagong, who was present in the press, was also searched. No copy of the leaflet was found at this address but some issues of the "National Front", "Adhikar", "Sremik", "Proja Katha", "Agrani" and a pamphlet in English entitled "The Second Imperialist War" were among the papers seized. Khitish Chakravartti and Tejendra Lal Nag, who also lives at this address, were arrested.

O.R. 39496.
30.11.39.

No. 5B Michael Dutt Street, the house of Juran Ganguly (C.P.I.) was also searched. Some issues of the "National Front", the "Ganasakti" and books entitled "State and Revolution" by Lenin and published by the Socialist Literature Company, Agra; "The Final Victory of Socialism in Soviet Russia" by Stalin; and "On the Eve of October Revolution" were found. No copy of the leaflet was, however, found at this address.

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Communist Publications

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Sadir of the "Rozana Hind" is reported to have said that a Bengali youth went to the "Rozana Hind" office on 28.11.39 for having 1,000 copies of an Urdu leaflet printed there but Abdur Razzak Khan (C.P.I., E.D.) refused to print it as the "Rozana Hind" had been warned by Government on 27.11.39. The leaflet contained an appeal to the workers of Iron and Steel Companies, including those of Messrs. Mackintosh Burn & Co., to demand an increase of 25% in their wages due to the higher rates of steel. The Bengali youth thereupon placed the order with the Indian National Press of 8 Eden Hospital Road at Rs. 3/3/- per 1000 copies. He said he would take delivery of them on 29.11.39 at 5 p.m.

C.R. 39494.
28.11.39.

This press was searched at 4-45 p.m. on the same day and a copy of the Urdu leaflet entitled "Loha" or "Ispat Karkhanake Majdure Sae Arz" (an appeal to the Iron and Steel workers) issued over the names of Rabi Roy and Jiban Maiti, secretaries of the Hukumchand and Balmer Lawrie Workers' Union, was found with the Manager, Abdul Hamid son of Md. Rashid of village Ibrahimpur, P.S. Kurthe, District Gaya. A manuscript copy of it was also found.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

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To

P.E.S. Finney Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Dated.. 18th October, 1939.

Subject:—

My dear Finney,

Will you please have quiet enquiries made and furnish me
with full particulars of ^{INDEXED.} Sudhangshu Banarji, 102, Upper Circular Road,
Calcutta, to whose address a copy of the "Labour Monthly", Vol. 21, No. 9
Sept. 1939, was intercepted in the Inward Foreign Mail on 6.10.39.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
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	<p>Pp 271-272 contain quotations from the statement on war of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in which the removal of the Chamberlain Government and its substitution by a people's Government absolutely stripped of any imperialistic aims have been urged.</p> <p>P 272 contains portions of remarks made by C A Smith and Jenner Brockway in the "New Leader" which are as follows,</p> <p>"The nakedly imperialist character of the struggle can no longer be camouflaged. Britain's workers will be dying in defence of the British Empire - that is, in defence of the dividends wrung from the toil of Indian, African and British workers. It is the duty of workers not to defend the Empire, but to end it by helping the subject peoples to gain their freedom, both national and social. Socialists will not be bamboozled into acting as the hand of one gang of robbers and exploiters in its fight against another."</p> <p>The I.L.P. urges the workers not to participate in the war and the Socialists to refuse to fight for British Imperialism regardless of all consequences.</p> <p>Pages 272-274 contain the full text of the statement of the Indian National Congress on war.</p>	

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P. 261	<p>of anti-imperialist agitation in India, Africa and the West Indies will take place. The writer finally warns a possible combination of Russia and Germany bolshevized.</p> <p>Pp 261-262. <u>Carl Rieger</u>, in his article headed "The re-division of Europe," strikes the note of the establishment of a federation of socialist republics in Europe as a prerequisite for peace. In criticising the war aims of England, France and other countries he writes, "Such propaganda (regarding the aim to reorganize the European economy for prosperity of each nation) has so far met with little success. But London has not yet been bombed. The great mass of people have no conception of what bombing means today nor do they understand what their own rulers have done to the colonial peoples in the British Empire."</p> <p>Pp 263-267. <u>F.A. Ridley</u>, in his article headed "The Socialist attitude to an united States of Europe" discusses the theory of pan-European movement and the value of European unity in regard to the formation of a united States of Europe. He writes in explaining the difficulties of Britain at page 267, describes her as "the parasitic centre of a world-wide net of exploitation", which cannot feed itself for more than six weeks. He urges that the question of European unity should be placed in the forefront of any British revolutionary movement.</p>	

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	<p> that Britain has joined issue with Nazism realizing that by the indirect method of crushing Germany British diplomacy could regain control over the balance of power in Europe which passed to the Russians and for which the British had ever fought. It is said that the role now played by the Soviet Union in this war opens a third possibility beside the fascist reorganization ^{or} and the maintenance of a status quo under Britain and France, that is, a revolutionary reorganiza- tion of Europe. The writer lays down practical Socialism as the only means for defeating Nazism as British righteousness will not defeat the Nazi ideology of the German people. </p> <p> Pp 255-260. <u>Owen Samson</u>, in his contributed article headed "Stalin has the whip-hand" subjects the Soviet actions in Europe recently to a closer analysis and states that "in terms of Russian aggrandisement, it was clearly a master-stroke: Russia is now in a dominating position, and is likely still further to strengthen that position in the immediate future." The writer says further that it is possible that the change in Russian foreign policy will be followed by an equally sudden turn in domestic policy. It may well be expected that once more a revolutionary attack upon the Shams of Capitalist democracy and a revival and intensification of </p>	

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Review of an English monthly entitled "LEFT" for October, 1939.

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The journal is edited by C.A. Smith, 81 Arcadian Gardens, London, N.22 and printed by the National Labour Press, Ltd, 35 St. Bride Street, London, E.C.4 and published by the Controversy Publishing Co. from the same place. As regards the aim of this paper, it has been said that this has no policy narrower than the achievement of the classless society and the cooperative commonwealth. The paper also invites a free expression of opinion from all existing political platforms in England, namely, the Labour Party, Cooperative Party, Independent Labour Party, Communist Party and the non-party Socialists.

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The Editorial headed "the battle for Europe" (pp 245-249) is an analysis of the present European war and its preceding and succeeding events from a socialistic standpoint. The writer quotes the American, German and British views, both present and past, to show that Britain always strove to have the balance of power in Europe to her own interest and prosperity. The fundamental position of the present British Government

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the Congress was going on with its agitation for
national independence and appealed to all the carters
to unite under the banner of the Bengal Carters' Union
and fight for the redress of their grievances. The audience
left the meeting in procession which was augmented by about
15 carters, who, led by Hriday Narain Singh, arrived in
procession at the termination of the meeting.

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Enclosures.

Dear -

I send herewith a copy of a review, prepared by one of my officers, of an English monthly entitled "Left" for October 1939 and would recommend, that the publication, be prohibited entry into British India, as it is objectionable.

Yours etc.,

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Calcutta, dated the 27th Novr. 1939.

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Dear Sir,

Your D.O.No. 33427-C/S.M. 514-39, dated the 17th November, 1939.

A copy of "Bagichar Kuli" by Labanya Kumar Choudhuri, is sent herewith.

It may kindly be returned to me when done with.

Yours sincerely,

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for Librarian, Bengal Library

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
14, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.

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Copy of a letter No. 11925 S.B. dated
16.11.39. from Bihar Special Branch.

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Will you please refer to your office No.
9147 C.S./Folder 6906 Actn. dated 8.11.39.

The proprietor of the 'College Cafe', Bankipur
is Anilendu Gupta s/o the late Amalendu Gupta of
Swarnasan, Patna. He is an ex-student of the B.N.
College, Patna and was sentenced on 12.2.32. to 2
months R.I. for distributing revolutionary leaflets.
He was an intimate associate and an active member
of Manindra Lal Sen's (No.240 of the Bihar Red list
1939) group and was also suspected of being in possession
of fire arms.

Of late the College Cafe has come into some
prominence as the haunt of the local socialists and
communists.

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INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, C.I.D.

13, Lord Sinha Road,

Calcutta, the 4th December, 1939.

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Copy forwarded to P.E.S. Finney Esq., O.B.E.,
I.P. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Special Branch,
Calcutta for information with reference to para 277
of S.B. Daily Notes dated 30.10.39.

for Special Superintendent IV.
I.B., C.I.D., Bengal.

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Intelligence Branch,
13, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta.
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My dear Finney,

Will you kindly let me have particulars
of the father's name and home address of Babu
Labanya Kumar Chaudhuri, the author of the Bengali
Book entitled "Bagichar Kuli" ?

Yours sincerely,

De. Hardin
25/11/39

P.E.S. Finney, Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, Calcutta,

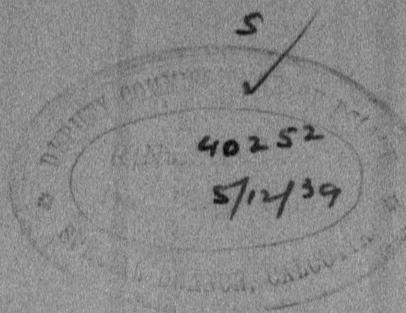
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RAI PRABODH GOPAL MUKERJEE BAHADUR,
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, CALCUTTA.

No. 543, dt- 5. 12. 39.



Bagichar Kuli

Labanya Kumar Chaudhuri

D. M. Library.

This book was sent to this office for opinion by the D. D. during my absence on leave and was considered by the offg. P. P. (the Junior P. P.). A copy of his opinion is given below:

" No. 490 dated 1.11.39. C.I.

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The 5th. Dec. ' 39.

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	(10) Editor, 'Amrita Bazar Patrika' Calcutta.	
	(11) K. C. Roy Chaudhury Indra Club, Calcutta.	
	(12) N. C. Sen Gupta Editor 'Lahore' 162 Lower Bazar St. (?) Calcutta.	
	(13) Chief Inspector of Factories 5 Council House St. Calcutta.	
	(14) W. V. R. Naidu, Genl. Secy. Metal workers' union 387 Road, Jamshedpur	
	(15) Murkunda Lal Sarmah 72 Canning Street, Calcutta.	
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	(2) The Chief Labour Liaison Officer, Messrs Ford & Co. Harrison Jute Mills Titalgach, India.	
	(3) The Editor 'The Statesman' Calcutta.	
	(4) Secy. Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta.	
	(5) Labour Commissioner's Writers Buildings, Calcutta.	
	(6) Prof. P. C. Mahabalanabis Presidency College, Calcutta.	
	(7) Bengal Co-op. Organisation Society Ltd. 37, Bankshall St. Calcutta.	
	(8) The Managing Editor 'New Review' 30 Park St. Calcutta.	
	(9) Indian Jute Mills Association Royal Exchange Calcutta.	
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of D. D. Calcutta, dated 18 Dec. 1939.

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1 12 39 4 Pm.	<p>Intercepted at the Censor office 15 copies of the book-let entitled "Industrial and Labour Information" - Vol. LXXII, No 6 of 6th Nov. 1939 published by the International Labour Office and printed by La Tribune de Geneva, 42 rue du Stand, Geneva Switzerland, addressed to different individuals mentioned below:</p> <p>The copy addressed to - Mukunda Lal Sarker, Secy. Employees Association, 72 Canning Street, Calcutta, is submitted herewith for knowledge of Bureau and the rest 14 copies have been handed over to Mr. Kelly, Postal Supervisor to be given to the D. B. Office.</p> <p>(1) The Editor 'The Insurance World' 1/1 Dalhousie Square Calcutta</p>	

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14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the ~~Inland~~/Foreign Mail of

the 18 of Dec. 1939.

From International Labour Office, Geneva.

To Mukunda Lal Sarkar, Secretary,
Employees Association, 72 Camming
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সোভিয়েট সম্বন্ধে পুস্তক

বুটেনে অসাধারণ চাহিদা বর্ধিত

(নিজস্ব সংবাদপত্রের পত্র)

লন্ডন, ১৭ই নবেম্বর
যুদ্ধ এবং যুদ্ধের পূর্বে ও পরবর্তী
আন্তর্জাতিক ও আভ্যন্তরীণ ঘটনাবলী হইতে
যে সকল সমস্যা আত্মপ্রকাশ করিয়াছে, তাহা
বুটেনে প্রতিফলিত হইয়াছে বামপন্থী
সাহিত্যের চাহিদা বৃদ্ধিতে। লন্ডন, গ্ল্যাসগো,
ওয়েলস ও ম্যাগেট্টারে পুস্তক বিক্রেতা কোলে-
টস কোম্পানী প্রধানতঃ প্রমিক-সাহিত্য লইয়া
কারণ্য করিয়া থাকেন। যুদ্ধের পূর্বের
১৩ সপ্তাহে তাহারা যত বই বিক্রয় করিয়া-
ছেন, তাহার তুলনায় তাহাদের বিক্রয়-সংখ্যা
এখন গড়ে শতকরা ৬০টি বাড়িয়া গিয়াছে।
স্ট্রেন সম্বন্ধে, এমন কি চীন সম্বন্ধেও
বইয়ের চাহিদা এখন মন্দা হইয়া আসিয়াছে;
এখন সমস্ত মনোযোগ নিবন্ধ হইয়াছে ইংগ-
ফরাসী ব্যাপার, জার্মানী এবং সলোপার
সোভিয়েট ইউনিয়নের প্রতি। একজন পুস্তক-
বিক্রেতা বলিয়াছেন, "ফটোলিন, মলোটোভ
প্রভৃতি সোভিয়েট নেতাদের বক্তৃতা এখন লোকে
কাড়াকাড়ি করিয়া লইয়া যায়। রাশিয়া
সম্বন্ধে পুস্তক কয়েক বৎসরের পুরানো
হইলেও, গদ্যময় হইতে বাহির করিয়া ধলা
খড়িয়া শেকড় এ রাখা মাত্র বিক্রয় হইয়া যাই-
তেছে। সোভিয়েট সম্বন্ধে যে কোন বই এখন
চলিয়া যাইবে।"

সোভিয়েট ইউনিয়ন সম্বন্ধে এই আগ্রহাতি-
শয়ের একটা উদাহরণ দেওয়া যাক। "রাশিয়া
টু-ডে সোসাইটি" সম্প্রতি "ট্রুথ এবাউট রাশিয়া"
(রাশিয়ার সত্যকার রূপ) নামে একখানি
পুস্তক বাহির করেন। প্রথমে তাহারা
৫০০০ কপি ছাপিতে মনস্থ করিয়াছিলেন;
কিন্তু শীঘ্রই বৃদ্ধিতে পারিলেন যে, উহাতে
কুলাইবে না। বইটি তাহারা ১৫০০০ ছাপান,
উহা চার দিনের মধ্যে নিঃশেষ হইয়া যায়।

ইহা হইতে আরও তাৎপর্যপূর্ণ মিঃ ডি এন
প্রিট, কে-সি, এম-পি লিখিত "লাইট
অন মস্কো" (মস্কোর প্রকৃত পরিচয়)
পুস্তকটির চাহিদা। বৃটিশ লেবার পার্টিতে

মিঃ প্রিট বরাবরই সোভিয়েটের একজন
অকৃত্রিম সূত্র; রাশিয়ার পোল্যাড প্রতিষ্ঠানের
পর তিনি এই বইটি লেখেন। প্রমিকদের উপ-
কারার্থ বইটি খুব সস্তায় প্রকাশ করা হয়।
বইটি ইতিমধ্যেই ২৫ লক্ষ বিক্রয় হইয়া গিয়াছে।
প্রকাশের প্রথম সপ্তাহের মধ্যে মফঃস্বলের কোন
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সমস্ত কপি লইয়া লন। ইহা প্রকাশের দুই
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১৪০০ কপি পাঠাইয়া দেন; উহা ২৪ ঘণ্টার
মধ্যে ফুরাইয়া যায়। এখন প্রকাশক কোন
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যুদ্ধাশ্রমের পরে প্রমিক-সাহিত্যের
"কঠিন" বইয়ের চাহিদা অত্যন্ত পূর্ণভাবে
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সপ্তাহে ৫০ খানি বিক্রয় করিতেছে। লেনিন-
গ্রন্থাবলীর পঞ্চম খণ্ড (যুদ্ধ সম্বন্ধে লেনিনের
লেখা) এই দোকান ইতিপূর্বে সপ্তাহে খান
দুই করিয়া বিক্রয় করিত; চাহিদা বৃদ্ধির ফলে
এ খণ্ড এখন আর বাজারে নাই এবং উহা দ্রুত
পুনর্মুদ্রিত করা হইতেছে। লেনিন লিখিত
"সোস্যালিজম এন্ড ওয়ার" (সমাজতন্ত্র ও
যুদ্ধ) এবং "ইম্পেরিয়ালিজম" (সাম্রাজ্যবাদ)
পুস্তক দুইটিরও এই অবস্থা হইয়াছে।

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বাড়িবে। এখন পর্যন্ত বই কিনিতেছে ব্যক্তি-
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নাই। আর একটি উল্লেখযোগ্য বৈশিষ্ট্য হই-
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	<p>Book No. 5 of Lenin's works on war, "Socialism and war" and "Imperialism" by Lenin have met with a very high demand. The noticeable ^{peculiar} feature in this is that the intellectuals were in the habit of purchasing books of this type in the past and that the workers largely are purchasing them at the present time.</p> <p>for 8/12</p> <p><u>S. B.</u> 7.12.39</p>	

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	<p>example the of this unbounded eagerness about the Soviet Union, that fifteen thousand copies of the book "Truth about Russia" - a publication of the "Russia Today Society," has been sold out in four days, although the printing of only five thousand copies of that book was decided. More significant than this is the demand of the book "Light on Moscow" by Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P. who has always been a sincere friend of the Soviets in the British Labour Party and who has written this book only after the Russian invasion of Poland. The book has been given out ^{at} a cheap price for the good of the labourers. Five hundred and fifty thousand copies of this book have been sold already so much so that the publishers could not meet the demand for this book mainly from the London book-sellers. The demand is still very large. In view of an unforeseen increase in the demand for difficult type of the working-class literature after the beginning of war, "Dialectic Materialism" by David Guest (a Marxist killed in Spanish war),</p>	

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Anandabazar Patrika dated 4.12.39.

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The marginally noted book has come to notice.

"STALIN" - A critical Survey of
Bolshevism, by Boris Souvarine.
Translated into English by C.L.R.
James, and published by Secker
and Warburg, 22, Essex Street,
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Dear Sir,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your Memo. No. 20684/S.M. 514-39, dated the 25th July, 1939, addressed to Rai Sahib A. K. Datta-Gupta. Kamynism by Amulya Chandra Adhikari has since been received in this office. A short review of it is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

R. Datta
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139. Communist Publication:

It is reported, that Muzaffar Ahmed (C.P.I.) has enquired from Bepin Ganguly (E.D.) if he could arrange for the printing of Bengali and English anti-war leaflets in a small press. Bepin said, that he would consult Soumen Tagore regarding this. Muzaffar also asked Bepin Ganguly, to issue leaflets on behalf of his (Muzaffar's) group, to which, Bepin is said to have stated, that he had already asked Subodh Sen-Gupta (R.S.P.) to draft the leaflets.

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3. D.A. Brayden, Esquire, I.P.,
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Intelligence Bureau, Home Department,

Government of India.

New Delhi, dated the 12th December, 1939.

My dear Finney,

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2. Further instances have recently come to notice that this firm has sent out copies of the "Moscow News", and other objectionable literature on different occasions in bulk-bags addressed to firms in Karachi. I suggest therefore that a careful check be kept on the 'bulk-bags' from W.H. Smith and Son Ltd., and any further instances of the kind mentioned above, which come to your notice, may be intimated to this Bureau.

3. You will appreciate that we are at present applying the General Communist Notification somewhat more ruthlessly than pre-war. Practically every single word of the Soviet press is now-a-days in the interests of Germany and stresses the community of interest between Moscow and Berlin, and the Soviet hostility to the Allied cause. Certain publications which in normal times might be allowed free circulation are now being withheld.

Yours sincerely,

L. J. Bayley.

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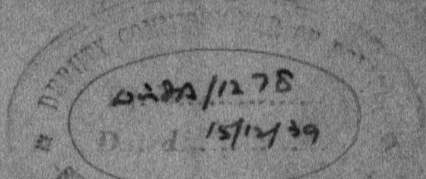
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	Review of "Mexican Labour News", vol. 7, no. 8 dated 24.8.39 - a cyclostyled pamphlet published weekly by the Press Department of the Workers' University of Mexico, Rosales 26, Mexico City.	
DC(2) Personal for 5/12	The crime under review contains matters relating to the controversy between the Mexican Government and the foreign oil companies since the expropriation in March, 1938. In the first place, the crime reproduces the proceedings and resolutions of a meeting of the Senate Bloc of the PRM - Party of the Mexican Revolution containing in brief a violent invective against the foreign oil companies trying persistently to embarrass the Mexican Government in many ways and to undermine that country's economy. The crime also contains text of an appeal sent by the C.T.M. - Confederation of Mexican workers to all labour organizations in America and abroad including the International Federation of Trade Unions, the Congress of Industrial organizations of the United States, etc, inviting their help and support for Mexico in its conflict against the expropriated foreign oil companies and also urging for a united stand among the Mexicans. There are notes commenting on the rivalry between the Almazan Party and the Party of Mexican Revolution which culminated in bloodshed.	

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	<i>Asst. Dir (P.)</i>	Department.
Spare Copies.		Branch.
		Collection No.
Class of Papers.	SUBJECT :—	Number and year of File.
		Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued, 1st No. ; dated 2nd No. ; dated 3rd No. ; dated	Date of Despatch.

No. 40232, dated 13. 12. 39.
S.M. (574)/39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

During the course of Secret Censorship
a copy of the ^{INDEXED} Mexican Labor News Vol. 7.
No. 8 dated 24. 8. 39 - (a cyclostyped pamphlet -
published weekly by the Press Department
of the Workers' University of Mexico,
Rosales 26, Mexico City.) - addressed to
Satish Chandra Sen, 57/1, Raja Dinkar
Street, Calcutta, was noticed.

I send herewith the pamphlet
together with a review of ^{the same} ~~it~~ by
one of my officers.

Yours etc.,

S.M. 8/12

for D.C. Secy.

CONFIDENTIAL DIARY.

Date _____

Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr. _____

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.
S. B.D. D. _____
S. B. _____Sule
From Inspector

CALCUTTA POLICE.

of ~~D. D.~~ ^{S. B.} Calcutta, dated 4. 12. 19 39.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
4-12 4/39	<p>Intercepted at the Censor Office, one copy of "The Socialist Vanguard" Fifth volume, No 10, October 1939, addressed to Miss Uma Roy 40-Grandlay & Co, 6 Church Lane, Calcutta.</p> <p>Submitted for favour of Perusal.</p> <p>Valmiki Roy S. B. 4/12/39.</p>	

Very Secret

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the

19

Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the ~~Inland~~/Foreign Mail of

the 45 of Dec. 1939

From London (Book entitled The Socialist Vanguard)

To Miss Una Roy, 6 Church Lane, Calcutta.

Language of letter Book English

Post office of interception Censor office.

Date of letter Oct., 1939,

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed Drabini Mohan Roy??

Whether photographed or not not

Whether withheld or delivered withheld

If delivered, whether copy kept or not no

Interception authorised vide Government Order No. ups 26(1) Postal act.

Copies forwarded to may be withheld under

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF _____

DEPARTMENT.
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BRANCH.

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Spare Copies.	<i>Att: Sir. (P.)</i>	Department.
		Branch.
		Collection No.
Class of Papers.	SUBJECT :—	Number and year of File.
		Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated	Date of Despatch.

No. 40578-C dated 15. 12. 39.
S.M. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear.

In the Inward Foreign Mail of 4/12/39 a cover containing a copy of the "Socialist Vanguard", Fifth Volume, No. 10, October 1939, was ~~retained~~ ^{here} intercepted at the ^{General Post} ~~Post~~ office and withheld.

The cover was addressed to Miss Una
c/o Grindlay & Co., Ltd.,
Roy 16 Church Lane, Calcutta.

Yours etc.,

W.C.B.

W.C.B. 12/11

W.C.B.
14.12.39.

AGP-A 611-1839 40-18,47,000

Memorandum no: 40578-C D.
S.M. 514/39

✓ Copy forwarded to S.S. IV S.B. for information.

W.C.B.
W.C.B. 12/12

W.C.B.

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Spare Copies.			Department.
			Branch.
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			Number and year of File.
			Serial number in File.
Reply Received No. Date.	Reminders issued. 1st No. , dated 2nd No. , dated 3rd No. , dated		Date of Despatch.

No. 39049; dated 16. 12. 39.
S. No. 514/39

Enclosures.

Dear

As requested in your No. 775/6-39 dated 27.11.39, I return herewith, the book entitled "Bagichar Kuli" by Labanya Kumar Choudhury, with thanks.

1/5 Due

The enclosure is with me.

He
P.M.

Yours etc.,

1/10
W.C. S.P.

Enclos: - One.

Confidential

SPECIAL BRANCH, C.I.D., CALCUTTA,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 16. 12. 1939.

Go at p. 440
u

No. ^{31627.}
31628 - C.
S.M.: 514/39

UNDER-SECRETARY, H.D., U/O—

X. 2254 P.S.

With reference to Government order No. 2258 P.S., dated the _____

26. 9. 39

I write to say that, although no letters ^{addressed to} ~~for~~

Dr. Anil Roy, M.B., 3, Wellesley ^{Street, Calcutta} have as yet been intercepted,

there is reason to expect results later.

I would, therefore, request a renewal of the order quoted above for a further period of three months, with effect from the 26. 12. 39.

The order should be on the Sharamtala post office, which should deliver intercepted articles to me or to an officer deputed by me.

No 13/12
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta.

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SPECIAL BRANCH, C.I.D., CALCUTTA,

14, LORD SINHA ROAD,

Calcutta, the 16. 12. 19 39.

Go. at p. 439.

No. 3/628 - C.
S.M.-514/39

UNDER-SECRETARY, H.D., U/O—

With reference to Government order No. 2258 P.S. 2254 P.S., dated the

26. 9. 39, I write to say that, although no letters/for addressed to
Dr. Anil Roy M.B. 56/2 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta
have as yet been intercepted,
there is reason to expect results later.

I would, therefore, request a renewal of the order quoted above for
a further period of three months, with effect from the 26. 12. 39

The order should be on the Amherst Street post office,
which should deliver intercepted articles to me or to an officer deputed by me.

X 16 13/12
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta.

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ACJP—A 282—1938-39—1,200-1,80,000

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

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No. 38579, dated 22.12.39.
S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

With reference to your No. 14902/250B-39(c) dated 25.11.39 I write to inform you that it has been ascertained on enquiry that Labanya Kumar Chandri's present address is "Hill-Top Hotel", Shillong. He is the manager of "Lispunah State", Sylhet and may possibly be identical with Labanya Mohan Choudhury Chakrabarty of vill. Katiarbhangra, P.S. Rabiganj, Sylhet, who in May 1930 tried to leave for foreign countries as a seaman.

The book "Bagichai Kuli" referred to in your letter under reference came to our

notice and it was put up ^{was consulted}
~~before~~ before the P.P. Calcutta
who opined that the book
was not actionable.

x/p.399.

Yours etc.,

22.12.22

Wm Wm
P.C. B.

He
20/12.

28.12.22
28.12.22

Dear Sir,
With reference to your letter of 22.12.22 dated 22.12.22 I have to inform you that it
has been ascertained on enquiry that
Messrs. Kumar Chandra Prasad & Co. is the
is 'The Top Hotel' building. It is the
manager of the hotel, Delhi, and
you would be identical with Messrs.
Messrs. Chandra Prasad & Co. of Delhi.
Messrs. P. S. Chandra Prasad & Co. who
are not to have for foreign currency
as a business.
The book 'The Top Hotel' is referred to in
your letter under reference and is not

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Date _____

Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr. _____

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.
S. B.D. D. _____
S. B. _____

CALCUTTA POLICE.

Sub
From Inspector

Valini Mahan Ray

of D. D. Calcutta, dated 11. 12. 1939.
S. B.

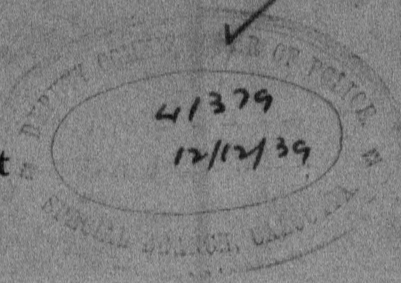
Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
11 ¹² / ₃₉ .	<p>Intercepted at the Censor Office, two book-post packets one addressed to Ramananda Chatterjee, Editor of "The Modern Review" of 120/2 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta, containing two copies of "Moscow News" - 1915 year, no 39 of 25. 9. 39. and no 41 of 9. 10. 39; the other packet being addressed to Mr. Kerman, Government Test House, Indian Stores Department, 11/1 Indrag's Court Road, Alipur, Calcutta, containing two copies of "Moscow News" - 1915 year no 41 of 9. 10. 39 and no 42 of 16. 10. 39.</p> <p>Submitted for perusal of</p> <p>Perusal.</p>	<p>Valini Ray S. B. 11/12/39.</p>

5/12/39

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Very Secret



SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE.

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the

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urgent
One packet is attached
for reference 12/12

Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/~~Foreign~~ Mail of

the 11th of Dec. 1939.

From Moscow. (Moscow News)

1. In leg
12/12

To Ramananda Chatterjee 120/2 upper
Circular Road, Calcutta

Language of letter

English

~~Post~~ office of interception

Censor office

Date of letter 25.9.39; 9.10.39. and 16.10.39.

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has
been photographed S.I. Nalini Roy

Whether photographed or not

not

Whether withheld or delivered

If delivered, whether copy kept or not

Interception authorised vide Government Order No. 4/326(1) D. Act.

Copies forwarded to

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for a note pt.
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B. G. Press-1939-40-8492A-20,000.
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letter from Cdr. Forward to B. G.
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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL

OFFICE OF The Deputy Inspector-General of Police,

DEPARTMENT.
C.I. GROUP.
Intelligence. BRANCH.No. 16130
65-39(Int)

FROM

To

V.T. Bayley Esqr., I.P.,
Assistant Director, Intelligence Bureau,
Home Deptt. Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Dated. 19 December, 1939.

Subject:—

My dear Mr. Bayley,

Fourteen copies each of Issues Nos. 6 & 8, dated 6.11.39 & 20.11.39, respectively, of a magazine entitled "Industrial & Labour Information" (published by the International Labour Office, Geneva), addressed to various persons in Calcutta and to Mr. W.V.R. Naidu, General Secretary, Metal Workers Union, 38, J. Road, Jamshedpur, were intercepted at the G.P.O. Calcutta, in the Inward Foreign Mail on 10.12.39.

A copy of each issue is sent herewith for favour of opinion about the manner of disposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- S. Mazumdar.

for SPECIAL SUPERINTENDENT, I.B.

S.M./J.B.
19.12.39.

P.T.O.

S
✓
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21/12/39
Memo No. 16130 (27) dated 19 December 1939.

Copy forwarded to.-

1. J.P.W. Johnston Esqr., O.B.E., I.P., 1st Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Bihar S.B.

✓ 2. P.E.S. Finney Esqr., O.B.E., I.P., J.P., Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta;

for information.

S. M. J. B.
19/12

for SPECIAL SUPERINTENDENT, I.B.

S.M./J.B.
19.12.39.

740 m/n

Inc: 574/39.

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327. G.S.P. - Comilla.

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22-12-39

Parimal Das of the Comilla Jugantar Party who now works in a High School at Debagram, District Tipperah has announced that Ananta Kumar De (Anushilan)

of Comilla, Bharendra Ch.Dutt (Jugantar) and one Nil-ratan Mukharji of Agartala, are trying to start a socialist party at Agartala. They propose to start a library for circulating proscribed Socialist books. Some school teachers of Agartala have joined this group and are recruiting members from their pupils. This organization is said to be in touch with the Akhaura G.S.P.

Original in M 563/35-II

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Office of the Deputy Inspector General of Police
C.I.D., Intelligence Branch-

Memo: No: 240(2)/65-39(Int), dated 6th. Jany. '40

Letter No: 3/Int/39-III dated 29.12.39 from the Assistant
Director, Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India.

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Please refer to your letter No: 16130/65-39(Int) dated
19.12.39 regarding the "Industrial and Labour Information"
published by the International Labour Office, Geneva, a
subsidiary body of the League of Nations. This is a per-
fectly harmless publication and copies seen in the post may
safely be passed on for delivery.

2. I am returning the two issues sent by you.

.....

Copy forwarded to :-

1. P.E.S. Finney Esq., O.B.E., I.P., Deputy Commissioner
of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, for information
✓ in continuation of this office Memo: No: 16130(2)/1
dated 19.12.39 and in reply to his letter No: 41831-C/
M-563/39-IV, dated 22.12.39.
2. J.P.W. Johnston Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
1st. Asstt. to the D.I.G., of Police, Bihar S.B. for
information in continuation of this Office Memo :
No: 16130(2)/1 dated 19.12.39.

Sd/-

For Special Superintendent, I.B.

.....

DS MS

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Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.
S. E.

Date _____
Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr.
D. D. _____
S. E. _____

CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

Benode Lal Chatterjee

of D. D. Calcutta, dated 22/12/1939
S. E.

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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Intercepted at the
Censor Office a registered
cover (R Moscow 44)
addressed to ^{NY 4420} ~~CHATTERJEE~~ Ramanada
Chatterjee, Editor, Modern
Reviews, containing four
separate covers inside, sent
by Press Department,
VOKS.

Submitted

Bhattacharya

22/12

SM 514/39 II

✓ S

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23.12.39

Very Secret

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICE.

14, LORD SINHA ROAD.

Calcutta, the 21st Dec 1939.

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Memo. No.

(The secrecy of this interception may kindly be maintained.)

Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of

the 21st of December 1939.

From Press Department U.O.K.S.

1. 1/2 sent
22/12

To Ramanand Chatterjee, Editor, Modern Review
120/2 Upper Circular Road

Language of letter English

Post office of interception Censor Office

Date of letter

Name of officer who can prove the interception and the fact that it has been photographed Benodul Chakravarti.

Whether photographed or not X

Whether withheld or delivered X

If delivered, whether copy kept or not Withheld

Interception authorised vide Government Order No. 826 (1) of 1.10.39
2977 PS 8.15.12.39

Copies forwarded to DG. II / ACI

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23/12

The packet contains 4 articles which are Russian and U.S.S.R propaganda

Withhold them
Infon 1B ✓ + W.R.
Dr. 1B

Infon P.P.M. Calcutta

OS 22/12

The packet is
sent 1. P.M. 21st
12/12

B. G. Press-1939-40-8492A-20,000.

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF _____

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GROUP.
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			Number and year of File.
			Serial number in File.
			Date of Despatch.

No. 42992, dated 4. 1. 40.
S.M. 514/39.

Enclosures.

Dear .

In the Inward Foreign mail of 21. 12. 39 a registered packet (R Moscow 4th) addressed to Ramananda Chaturji, Editor Modern Review, 120/2 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta, was intercepted at the General Post Office.

The packet contained four separate covers each containing typewritten articles in English or Russian and U.S.S.R. propaganda.

The packet has been withheld u/s 16(1) of I.R.O. Act.

Yours etc.,

740 31/1
L. D. C. S. B.,

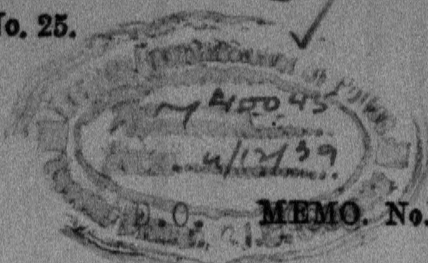
Copy forwarded to S.S. II S.B.,
for information.

S. C. S. B.

15 Dec.
✓
Please Consult
me before typing.
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3/11.

Schedule B—Form No. 25.

Secret.



MEMO. No. 5637 S.B./199-36.

BIHAR AND ORISSA.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Special BRANCH.

Cuttack, Dated the 2nd December, 1939.

My dear Finney,

Will you please let me know whether the marginally noted books are proscribed?

Yours sincerely,

P. E. S. FINNEY, ESQR., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Special Branch,
CALCUTTA.

- INDEXED
1. MARXBAD by Lenin.
 2. MARX, CAPITAL SAIN
KHIPTOSAR by Revati
Burmanis.
 3. MULYA-DAR-O-MUNAFI
by S.J. Braja Behari
Burman.

Ac²
may be referenced?

Ref
5/12
9/12

yes for
5/12

Sm 574/39

- (1) by PURNENDU DAS TIDAR. The book is not objectionable Sm 574/39
- (2) not objectionable
- (3) H. St. published a short notice on 17.8.39 in B.L. Sakthi. He has not done any work with the book. The B.L. in his

GJP (Hd. Qr.) P. O. No. 11-140,420 11-8-36.

Letter No. 722/6-39 of 14.10.39 states that the book is not objectionable vide p. 346 in file S. No. 574/39.

* Consulted Mr. K.K. Das so who said that the draft was quite correct.

18/11
done by 2/10/12

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF _____

DEPARTMENT.
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BRANCH.

Maps or Plans.	To	<i>Orissa S.B.,</i>	To be marked for takid.	
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No. *40045*, dated *23. 12. 39*
S.M. 54/39.

Enclosures.

Dear -

I write to inform you that the three books referred to in your no. 5637 S.B.-199-36 dated 2/12/39 are not objectionable

Yours etc.,

For Mr.
H.O.C. S.B.,

M.H.
22.12.39.

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SM 54/39

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No. 56.....P. S.

Copy, together with the orders in original, forwarded to the...Deputy.
Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta

for information and necessary action, with reference to his No. 31628 C.
S.M. 514/39
dated the...16th December 1939.

7/2/426

W.H. Hunter

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA/~~DARJEELING~~:

The...~~15~~ January 1940.

Is...31/40
8/1/40

I.P.S./S.O.
for 8/1
Ac. S.B.
8/1/40.

Dropped

Sic,
Duly Served
Raghu

Newspaper

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10/1/40

Confidential

All Communications to Government should give the Number, Date and Subject of any previous Correspondence and be addressed to the Secretary of the Department concerned.

Government of Bengal

Home Department

Political

No. 56 P. S.

FROM.....W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,.....

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

Amherst Street Post Office, Calcutta District.

Calcutta/~~Pericling~~, the January 19. 40.

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. 2258 P.S., dated the 26th September 1939 and in ~~the~~ exercise of the power conferred by section 26 (1) of the Indian

Post Office Act, 1898, the Governor is pleased to direct the interception of all ~~postal/foreign~~ postal articles which may be discovered in the course of transmission by post addressed to Dr. Anil Roy, M.B., 56/2, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.

I am to ask you to be good enough to forward or hand over all intercepted articles to ~~the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Intelligence Branch, Civil Branch, Calcutta~~, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, or to an officer deputed by him.

If any articles is not required it will be returned to the postal authorities for delivery to the addressee. These orders will remain in force for a further period of three months from ~~date~~ the 26th December 1939.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- W.H.S. Smith,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No.

SM 574/39

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No. 55.....P. S.

7/2.425

Copy, together with the orders in original, forwarded to the Deputy...
Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., Calcutta...
for information and necessary action, with reference to his No. 31627-C
S.M. 514/39
dated the 16th December 19.40.

W. H. Smith

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA/DARJEELING:

The 31st January 19.40.

h. 30/40
8/1/40

I.P.S./20
8/1
Ac. S.B.
8/1/40.

Received one copy.
H. H. Smith
Sally
Dharampala
12-1-40

Duly sent
12/1

Dropped

Confidential

All Communications to Government should give the Number, Date and Subject of any previous Correspondence and be addressed to the Secretary of the Department concerned.

Government of Bengal

Home Department

Political

No. 55..... P. S.

FROM...W. H. Saumarez Smith, Esq., I.C.S.,.....

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To THE POSTMASTER,

Dharantala.....Post Office,.....Calcutta.....District.

Calcutta/~~Post Office~~ the.....January 1940.

SIR,

dated the 26th September 1939 and

In continuation of this office letter No. 2254 P.S.,/ in ~~the~~ exercise of the power conferred by section 26 (1) of the Indian

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3, Wellesley Street, Calcutta.

I am to ask you to be good enough to forward or hand over all intercepted articles to ~~the Deputy Inspector General of Police Intelligence Branch~~ ~~Calcutta~~ /the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, Calcutta, or to an officer deputed by him.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- W.H.S. Smith,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No.

MS 14/39
441
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C.L. 18
19.2.39

Communist Literature.

On 18.2.39, Amulya Ranjan Mukharji of the Allied Printers and Publishers, is reported to have left a bundle containing copies of "Life and Speeches of Lenin", "The Theory and Practice of Socialism" and other books of the Left Book Club, at the Radical Book Club, intended for members of the C.P.I. and B.L.P.

No. S.M. 514/39 of 24.2.39

Copy to AD(R)

SM 514/32
C.I. (Pubs)

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SOCIALISM: 7-3-39.

96. Left Book Club.

C.I. 18
5-3-39

It is reported that Sudhangsu Lal Das Gupta (E.D., C.P.I.) boastfully told Deb Kumar Das (C.P.I) and S. Upadhaya in the "Ganasakti" office recently that he had no difficulty in importing the Left Book Clubs publications. On being questioned by Deb Kumar Das he said that B.T. Rana-dive of Bombay told him that the best method to get pro-scribed publications would be through a parsi friend in Government Service who was above suspicion. Sudhangshu was in possession of about ten books including the "Life and speeches of Lenin".

MS 14/39.
C.L. 18
10-3-39

186. Communist Literature.

It is reported that in the course of a secret meeting between Amulya Ranjan Mukharji (of the Allied Printers and Publishers) and Sudhir Guha (E.D) at the Radical Club on 8-3-39, the former produced a bundle of books intended for members of the B.P.S.F., and the study circles of the C.P.I., and B.L.P., The books were:-

- (i) "Life and Works of Lenin" (4 vols).
- (ii) "Is mass-revolution possible?" by a Comrade.
- (iii) "England in India" by F.R. Harly.

(Note: These books have not been noticed previously).

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210. C.P.I. - Trades Union.

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14.3.39

It is reported that Nripen Singh (E.D.) and Sushil Mukharji of Beliaghata are doing communist propaganda in the Beliaghata Rubber Factory. On 12.3.39 Sushil gave Nripen money to purchase some books on communism from the Saraswati Library for the factory workers. Amarendra Lahiri (E.D.) who visited the Belgharia labour area and stayed with Dhiren De (E.D.) is said to have told some North Bengal workers* at 8/2 Bhowani Dutta Lane on 13.3.39 that communalism was being

*Kalipada Sarkar (E.D.),	} spread in Belgharia by Mr. Subrawardiy
Khitin Ghose (E.D.),	
Nripen Singh (E.D.),	
Amarendra Lahiri (E.D.),	
Matl Sarkar (E.D.),	
and others.	} who was trying to break the labour
	} unions. He also condemned the League
	} Ministry.

312. "A Touring Library".

I.R. 7996
20-3-39.

Manoranjan Gupta (E.D.) is said to be interested in a 'Touring Library' (particulars of this are, however, not known). It is also reported that Kanti Chatterji of the National Book Depot of Barisal has proposed to supply the Library with several communist books.

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(4) Communist Publications.

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31-3-39.

It is reported that Pijush Kanti Sarkar of 57, Keshab Sen Street has given copies of Bengali books, "Hegel and Marx" and "Samrajyabaddha-Sankat" (The crisis in Imperialism) by Robati Burman (E.D.) to Benoy Bagchi (E.D., C.P.I.). Pijush purchased these books from the Burman Publishing Co.,

Miss Chuni Roy, a College student, is reported to have given Manish Roy (E.D.) Rs.10/- to purchase books on politics for distribution amongst the female members of C.P.I. in Calcutta.

151. Communist Literature. Cl

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11.4.39.

It is reported that Mahi Bagchi (E.D.) (of Rungpur) living at 8/2 Bhowani Dutt Lane, went to the Avenue Club on 8.4.39 and brought away 25 copies of "Russian Revolution" by Ganganaran Chanda (E.D.) to send to North Bengal.

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